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FORM OF BEQUEST TO ANY OF THE BOARDS.

The State laws differ so much that no one form will answer in all the States, but in every case it is essential to give the RIGHT CORPORATE NAME.

Bequests for Home Missions should be made to "*The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*," which is now the corporate title.

Of the Board of Education the corporate name is "*The Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*."

The Board of Foreign Missions is incorporated under the laws of New York, under the style of "*The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*."

The Board of Publication is incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, under the style of "*The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication*."

The Board of Church Erection is incorporated under the style of "*The Trustees of the Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*," incorporated March 31, 1855, by the Legislature of the State of New York.

Bequests that have been made to the "*Trustees of the General Assembly*," or to the "*Trustees of the Presbyterian House*," for Church purposes, will be valid.

All Bequests made to the incorporated Boards or Committees of the two late Assemblies are valid, and will be received by the Boards which are their legal successors.

The Relief Fund for Disabled Ministers, and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers requires the following form:

"I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, —— dollars in trust, nevertheless, that they shall, within —— months after my decease, pay the same to the *Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*, for the use of the Fund for Disabled Ministers and their Families."

When real estate or other property is given, let it be particularly designated.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Home Missions was held at the Mission House, 23 Centre Street, on the 16th of June. Arrangements were made to receive and conduct the work of Sustentation as directed by the General Assembly. The transfer at this writing, 22d of June, has not been fully completed; but so soon as the Board is furnished with an accurate list of the ministers and churches received and aided by Sustentation, and the state of their several accounts, prompt efforts will be made to pay the sums due as fast as the means to do so are furnished by the Church. In the meantime, much patience must be exercised on all hands.

The state of the funds in the Home Missionary Department of the Board is a matter of anxiety. This is the season of small income, usually, from the churches. Less than \$1,500 of the amount promised at the meeting of the Assembly, to remove the debts from the Board and Committee of Sustentation, has yet reached the treasury. The calls are growing and urgent for work already done, and for new work just undertaken. These debts are great burdens, "grievous to be borne."

Then great concern and sadness is caused by the action of the Assembly in striking \$70,000 from the allotment for the work and wants of the Board, unanimously and earnestly recommended by the Committee on Benevolence. Their report recommended \$470,000 (\$50,000 less than in 1872.) for the work of the Home Board, and \$100,000 for Sustentation—\$570,000 in all for the whole Home Missionary work of the Church.

At the closing session, and amidst the haste and confusion of the last hour of the Assembly, it was moved, and eloquently and strenuously urged by especial friends of Foreign Missions, to strike \$70,000 from this allotment to the Home Board. It was struck out by a majority of one (91 to 90.) That is a vote in all of 181 out of a roll of 503, when the Assembly was full. The blow itself, and the direction it came from, were both very saddening. Home Missionaries, notwithstanding their poverty and the poverty of their people, struggled heroically the last year to help pay the great debt of

\$128,000, which oppressed Foreign Missions. They have done wonders, and had some reason to expect the largest sympathy in return.

This reduction of \$70,000 reduces also the *pro rata* of undistributed money from 28 per cent. to 24 66-100 per cent.—that is, but 1½ per cent. more than last year.

It is with profound sorrow that these things are alluded to, because they foreshadow distress to some, and straitness to all our missionaries and their families, and promise little or no means to enter upon new and hopeful fields calling to us for help. Called, as we have been by the Church, to stand in this watch-tower, we feel bound to turn the attention of the missionaries, the Presbyteries, and the churches, to the absolute need of larger means and deeper sympathy and coöperation in this work of Home evangelization.

We rejoice in the recommendation of the General Assembly to our Christian women, to devote at least two months of the year, October and November, or November and December, in raising money and other things to aid the Home Board. May the hearts of the noble women of our Church be filled with practical sympathy for the self-denyings and sorrows of their thousand sisters, the wives of our missionaries. As women ministered to Christ in the days of his flesh, so by like love may they be moved now to minister to Him in the person of His needy servants. "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Most hearty thanks are due and tendered to the many generous friends who so kindly, at the Assembly and since, promised aid to remove the debt of both Home Missions and Sustentation. Will they permit our urgency to promptitude? It is needed *now*. Will not other Presbyteries, churches, and individuals add their names and donations to this roll of honor? A list of the donors and their gifts will be published, as received from time to time, in the public papers. May a spirit of great liberality be given to the Church.

The moneys, when received, for the debts of the Board and Sustentation, will be appropriated according to the wishes of the donors, and where no special direction is given, it will be divided in the proportion of the several debts, that is, 19½ parts to the debt of Home Missions, and 22 parts to Sustentation, as was understood to be the mind of the Assembly.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions having attentively considered the Annual Report of the Board, respectfully recommend the following matters to the consideration of the General Assembly:

I. There has been great and unusual spiritual prosperity in the churches assisted by the Board. These churches have shared largely in the religious revival which has prevailed so extensively throughout our land, and also in Great Britain. The increase in their number of communicants is reported as 33 per cent. greater than in the preceding year. The whole number added on profession of faith, to these churches, exceeds 6,000. This increase of numbers is believed to be attended with as marked an increase of prayerfulness and of Christian zeal and fidelity in these churches. The Assembly surely will not fail to begin its review of its Home Missionary work for

the year with devout and thankful acknowledgment of this abundant divine mercy.

II. Deaths. The following missionaries have departed this life during the year, viz:

- Rev. Ellis W. Lamb, April 2d, 1873.
- Rev. John Summers, October 8th, 1873.
- Rev. L. P. Sabin, November 10th, 1873.
- Rev. Melancthon Hughes, November 18th, 1873.
- Rev. J. Sanford Smith, September, 1873.
- Rev. M. B. Gregg.
- Rev. J. Mead Drake, December 7th, 1873.
- Rev. Henry J. Acker, January 3d, 1874.
- Rev. S. A. McElhinny, January 29th, 1874.
- Rev. S. B. Shaw, March 22d, 1874.

These all having testified the Gospel of the grace of God, entered with peace and joy into their everlasting rest.

III. The proper work of the Board has evidently been prosecuted with a diligence and fidelity deserving the cordial commendation of the Assembly and the Church.

IV. As in former years, our field of Home Missions is still rapidly extending, by the flow of population into the newer States and Territories, and some of the problems in our Home Mission work are becoming exceedingly difficult, by the large accessions of foreign population.

V. The Board is seriously hindered in its great work, and the comfort and usefulness of our missionaries are impaired, by the lack of funds. Of the \$352,000 recommended by the last General Assembly, to be raised during the year, less than \$300,000 were realized; of which over \$57,000 came from legacies. The income was less than in the preceding year by \$7,567.32, and there is now reported due to missionaries, \$19,500.

VI. The annual report gives merited prominence to the relations of Home Missions to Sabbath-schools.

On the one hand, Sabbath-schools are recognized as constituting an important part of the field of labor of missionaries, who are sent to feed and lead and shelter the lambs as well as the sheep; and on the other hand the Sabbath-schools are encouraged to take part in raising funds for this cause. A special encouragement is wisely given to this effort, by assigning some one missionary as a correspondent and co-laborer in the Home Mission work, to any Sabbath-school which will contribute \$250 to the treasury, this being about the average sum received from the treasury by a Home Missionary. Your committee regard this method of interesting Sabbath-schools, and also churches and individual donors, in particular men and existing fields, as of great value.

VII. "The Bureau for unemployed Ministers," ordered by the last Assembly, has been organized by the Board, and is rendering valuable service. Its investigations seem to justify "the conclusion, that many exaggerated statements have been made, and opinions entertained in regard to the number of our ministers without employment—statements unjust to the ministry, discouraging to the Church, and injurious to religion."

Your Committee recommend the continuance and the vigilant activity of this Bureau, not only for the defence of our ministry against such unjust reproaches, but also for assisting to find suitable opportunities for labor for honest and worthy men and churches who may providentially need such assistance.

VIII. Your Committee would specially commend the considerate and fraternal effort of our Board to harmonize our work with that of our Congrega-

tional brethren on the same fields, so as to avoid waste of means and strength, and to make the resources of both bodies go as far as possible in accomplishing the common end—the thorough evangelization of our country. We may congratulate both denominations upon the evidence found by their secretaries, that there has been less of unworthy competition heretofore than has sometimes been alleged.

IX. The proper grouping of fields so as best to utilize the services of missionaries able to minister to more than one congregation, engages the attention of our Board and secretaries. This will, of course, be facilitated by the new adjustment of the Sustentation work, and that addition to the work of the Home Board gives it increased importance. It is to be hoped that congregations asking and accepting aid from the Church, will cordially second these efforts of the Board.

It is also of vital importance that congregations receiving aid be urged to the most earnest and diligent endeavor to become self-sustaining. Let the children be ambitious to grow and to run alone, and to leave the lap of the mother to their successors.

The women of our Church are invited by the Board not only to continue their generous and affectionate endeavors to promote the comfort of the missionaries' families by donations of "boxes," but also by organized effort to furnish money for the increase of their salaries. Some difficulty has been experienced in regard to this, in adjusting the arrangements for raising funds, both for Home Missions and for Foreign Missions, so that the efforts shall be in complete harmony.

The hearts of our sisters are in both these enterprises. The same women who are most ardent in their desire to send the Gospel abroad are most zealous in efforts for the evangelization of their own neighborhood and their own land. A portion of them have thought it best to let the same organization embrace both objects, and to let the work of both be supervised by the same ladies. Others have thought that the whole work will be most efficiently done if a separate Board of ladies have charge of each. Your committee are informed of consultations among the ladies interested, which give promise of harmonious adjustment, and of increased efficiency in the prosecution of the women's work in both departments.

In view of the difficulty of giving time to the management of additional societies, in some localities, the proposal has come to us from a highly influential quarter, "that the women of every church (so far as possible) should give special attention to raising money for our Home Board two months every fall, *e. g.*, October and November, (or November and December.) This would give time to hold at least one meeting to present the object and to make collections, also for the putting up of boxes by those wishing or able to work only in this way."

It was further suggested, "that the Home Board should keep it in their own hands; that they should not wait for ladies to take it up of themselves, but should appoint a lady in each of several central positions, who, with such help as she could secure for herself, might bring this matter of raising money for Home Missions under our Board before the ladies' societies, or the ladies in her appointed district."

Your Committee respectfully and emphatically commend these womanly and business-like suggestions to the approval of the Assembly, and to the maturing consideration of "our Home Board." In one or another form, through existing organizations or otherwise, as their wise hearts, counselling with the wise minds of our Board, may devise, we trust that a large increase of efficiency will be secured, and that steadily more and more this one mission work, for our land and for other lands, will become the work of our *homes*.

The Annual Report closes with a survey of the field.

Your Committee would ask attention to its vastness and variety, and marvellous promise. From the Rocky Mountain region, with its rich mines and its health-restoring air, inviting population; from Texas receiving annually 100,000 people upon its fertile lands, and into its rapidly building towns, along its as rapidly extending railroads; from New Mexico, where a superstitious native population of 100,000 need the Gospel to save their souls, and to fit them for American citizenship; from Florida, to which so many from the North resort, and where we are told of 4,000 Cuban refugees permanently settled; from the Indian Territory, where 70,000 people—Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks, and others, are as ready for the gospel as almost any population; their leading men, intelligent Presbyterians, earnestly invoking our help to evangelize their people, and to prepare them for the equal American citizenship, into which their old relations are probably soon to be merged; and from dear New England, whose manufacturing enterprise attracts so many artisans, from Scotland and Ireland, and the Provinces, and whom generous New England welcomes to the free exercise of our Christian faith under their preferred ancestral Presbyterian forms; from all these, representatives have come personally before your Committee, pleading in utmost earnestness for a great increase of means and of force in the prosecution of this work.

And now the Assembly has decided to commit to "our Home Board" all that work heretofore so earnestly and ably prosecuted under the name of "Sustentation," or the running and nourishing (into self-supporting strength if possible) of feeble pastorates.

For both these departments, as they were then conducted separately, the last General Assembly asked the people to contribute \$435,000.

In the present conditions of the field and the work, in the better adjustment of agencies, with the offered help of our sisters, and with the greatly increased spiritual strength resulting from the recent extensive revival, your Committee would think it unworthy of our Church to propose the devoting to this cause, during the coming year, of less than \$500,000. We assuredly believe that, by properly bringing the request home to all the people, in their churches, and at their homes, this sum can be raised, and will be usefully expended by "*our Home Board.*"

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires with the present General Assembly, viz: Rev. William C. Roberts, Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, Joseph F. Joy, Jacob D. Vermilye, Edward A. Lambert. Your committee recommend the re-election of them all.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf and by order of the Committee.

H. A. NELSON, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

Dear Brethren—Another quarter's labor expired yesterday, and in accordance with the terms of my commission, I herewith forward my third quarterly report.

When I first came here I ascertained that the prayer-meeting had been prayed into the ground. The praying elder (to distinguish him from the one who does not pray in public) makes long prayers, full, however, of Scripture. He is very slow, and lacks promptness and punctuality. Seven o'clock was the hour, but more frequently it was half-past seven, and sometimes even eight o'clock before he commenced—the time being spent in talking about matters in general. In addition to this elder there was a long-winded member,

and they did all the praying. What with long prayers, long readings, long singings, and long talkings, the result was that the meetings were uninteresting, owing to their immoderate length, and were deserted by all but a faithful few. This mode of conducting the meetings had another bad effect; it deterred any others from attempting to take part. Nor was any effort made to induce any others to take part.

After waiting what I deemed a sufficient length of time I determined to see what could be done in the way of having more join in our week-evening services. I first asked my non-praying elder, but he refused. I then made the matter the subject of remark for a few evenings. Having commenced at the top of the list, hoping that the rest would follow, and this having proved a failure, I immediately went to the bottom, and my first request met with a favorable response. I asked a man of very limited education, and whose mind is somewhat weakened from a blow on the head, which he received some years ago. He said he would commence with the Lord's Prayer, and as soon as he felt able he would "venture on something of his own." Every evening since his voice has been heard in prayer. I am watching anxiously to see how long the stronger brethren can hold out in silence in presence of this man's example. Shame, if nothing else, should loosen their tongues.

You see, dear brethren, that I have a very difficult field of labor. Yet I dare not complain, lest a worse thing come upon me. There are many worse elders, and there are many better, than mine. You must have patience with us, and I also will be patient. We hope to make progress, but it will, of necessity, be slow. Still I think you will agree with me when I say that this *post* ought to be maintained. There is no other place of shelter for the few stragglers who are here, no other representative of Protestantism.

I have written to you, dear brethren, plainly and truthfully. I wish you to be able to form as correct a conception of my field of labor as if you were here to see for yourselves. Pray for me that my faith fail not. Invoking the blessing of the great Head of the Church upon you and the Board which you represent, I remain your fellow-laborer in the Gospel, R. W.

Dear Brethren—I have to report another quarter's work done and another three months of seed sowing. I had hoped that the developments of the Week of Prayer would have been an ingathering. I saw no indications, and worked quietly on.

A change has taken place in the common Sabbath-school work here, which has resulted in the elimination of all other denominational elements from our Sabbath-school, leaving it a Presbyterian Sabbath-school. The change spoken of was made in the interest of a united Sabbath-school mission work. The church schools were all put at one hour, 9 A. M., so as to leave Sabbath-school workers free for mission work in the P. M. Our Sabbath-school suffered no diminution in numbers. The places of those who left were at once filled. The present position of the school makes proper the presentation, by the superintendent and teachers, of *another* claim which I have not heretofore felt at liberty to press, viz: That the children of the Sabbath-school should be solicited to remain for the morning service. I hope to secure at least a partial return to the good old Presbyterian custom which placed the whole family together as worshippers.

The Temperance Revival has come thus far southward and westward. Two mass meetings have been held, and another one is appointed. What will be done, or even attempted, I cannot as yet predict. Our people are very impulsive, and when aroused are very zealous. This is a field in which the contest would be severe. More than half the population drink either

lager, whiskey, or wine. Whiskey is the leading *medicine* in the drug stores. It is the leading *provision* in the grocery. With God all things are possible, but to human view nothing more can be effected than the awakening of public sentiment.

In fine, the present position of things in their religious aspect seems to me a wider separation between the Church and the world—a closer union of all Christians, and a new activity in Christian work. The word is taking deeper root.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. S.

REVIVAL.

Dear Brethren of the Board—I have purposely delayed my quarterly report, that I might write something more definite of the religious interest in our midst. We are in the third week of a most blessed revival. For five weeks, following the Week of Prayer, we held meetings, getting no general attendance, but the church all coming together, and calling on the name of the Lord. Three weeks since Mr. T—, a layman from D—, came among us, and the blessing we had prayed and waited for came. With the Methodist church we hold union meetings twice a day. Thus far over thirty of our best young men and women have come out, and last night over fifty arose for prayer. The interest is reaching out into the community more and more, and God's people feel that it is a new day for B—. I shall only be able to give results in my next report.

The year has been one of great pleasantness with us; full attendance, general interest, and the whole state of things among us improving, so that worldly men frequently remarked upon it. It was little without the Spirit; now He has come, and the former things seem to have been a highway cast up for the King, whereof we are glad. Sabbath-school flourishes; temperance is moving; the cause of Christ is reaching out in our midst, and in all the region. Two years ago Universalism ruled all things here; now its church is shut, its preacher is gone, and all its power in the community is gone, without conflict, but by providences of God, and power of the Word.

I am ashamed, deeply ashamed, of the Tabular Report on collections, and, God helping, I do not mean that another year shall show such selfishness and negligence among us. But calls of all kinds have been so multiplied on us that I seemed to have no place to get the "causes" in. The others must now stand by. Most truly yours, in Christ Jesus, J. C.

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN MAY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Albany 2d 502 98; Ballston Spa 75 43. <i>Champlain</i> —Essex 2 47. <i>Troy</i> —Caldwell 3 583 88	Soc 100; Portsmouth (add'l) 40; Portsmouth German 20; Ripley 90; Mrs George 2 366 10
ATLANTIC.— <i>Atlantic</i> —James' Island 1 00	CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Rome 2 35; Willoughby 2 35. <i>Mohoning</i> —Hubbard 7; Salem 23 50; Youngstown 1st 31 42; Rev John McCutchan 4 91. <i>St Clairsville</i> —Bell Air Sab-sech 20. <i>Stuebenville</i> —Centre 3; Hanover 4; Minerva 5; Smuhfield 5 111 53
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Annapolis 53 25; Baltimore Brown Mem'l Ladies Miss Soc 150; Baltimore Wes. minister, a member, 6; The Grove 8; Williamsport 40. <i>New Castle</i> —Berlin, Buckingham 2 0; Delaware City 17 39; Princess Anne, Manokin, 17 37; Rock 15; Zion 20. <i>Washington City</i> —Alexandria 1st 8 25 336 56	COLORADO.— <i>Colorado</i> —Colorado Springs 7; Pueblo Ladies' Miss Soc 10. <i>Montana</i> —Bozeman 10; Willow Creek 5 32 00
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Masonville 14; Owego 250; Virgil 2; Waverly 6 48. <i>Syracuse</i> —Constatia (men coll) 2 50; Liverpool 5 88; Syracuse 1st Ward 7 52; Syracuse 4th 46 84; Rev Dr Boardman 10 345 22	COLUMBUS.— <i>Columbus</i> —Mt. Sterling 11. <i>Marion</i> —Delaware Sab-sech 50. <i>Zanesville</i> —Fredericktown 26 87; Madison 32; Mt. Zion 10 129 87
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 6th 8 50; Monterey 7 50; Wyoming 94 00. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Buena Vista, German 4; Ironton Woman's Miss	ERIE.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Baker-town 11. <i>Butler</i> —Centre 12 90. <i>Carion</i> —Mrs. L. Petrolia City 3 53. <i>Erie</i> —Erie 1st 120; Erie Central (in part) 1 0; Warren 50. <i>Kittanning</i> —Jacksonville and Bethel 25; Marion and Rockbridge 23 50. <i>Shenango</i> —Slippery Rock 13 50 359 43

GENEVA.—*Canuga*—Auburn 2d 71; Society of Inquiry Auburn Theo Sem'y 30. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st 43 48; Havana 21 77; Sngar Hill 24 cents; Tyrone 36 cents; Watkins 1 35; Mrs E B Wells 24 cents. *Geneva*—Ithaca 352 34. *Steuben*—Addison Sab sch 9 76; Aikport 7 05; Hornellsville (of which \$1 88 from M. Hirshbut) 20 17 557 76

HARRISBURG.—*Huntingdon*—Altoona 1st 114 74; Benuh 1 76; Lewistown 41 65; Perrysville 25. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d 44 80. *Wellsboro*—Tioga 6 234 95

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Homer 5; Jersey 13; Lexington 41 45. *Peoria*—Limestone 10. *Springfield*—Murrayville 9 15 78 60

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 1st 94; Chicago Jeffer-on Park 47 20; Ladies' Soc Lake Forest 4; Peotone 24. *Freeport*—Freeport 2d 29 65; Queen Ann, German 3; Rockford 1st 17 06. *Rock River*—Fulton 1 44; Peniel 14 50; Princeton (mon con coll) 4 09 279 94

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Baldwin 11 50; Blair 8 53; Moro 11 75; Plainview 4 50; Staunton 6; Sugar Creek 10; Virden 3 23. *Caro*—(arm'd 2 85; Fairfield 6; Galum 9; Shawneetown 2 98. *Mattson*—Brownstown 10; Vera 5; Watson 17 95 109 31

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Millersburgh 5. *Loyansport*—Hebron 6 18; Salem 2 71; Tassinong 2 61; Wanatah 82 cents. *Muncie*—Union City 8 93 26 75

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Edinburgh 3 50; Franklin 31; Hopewell Sab-sch 15; Indianapolis 2d 36 45. *New Albany*—New Albany 2d 35 2; Utica 2 25. *Vincennes*—Evanville, 2d Ave 3. *White Water*—Metamora 5; Richmond 5 52; Shelbyville Sab-sch 37 30 174 27

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Cedar Rapids 2d Sab-sch 7. *Dubuque*—Centretown, German 4. *Fort Dodge*—Moingona 10 25 21 25

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Des Moines*—Corydon 13. *Iowa City*—Brooklyn 6 53. *Keweenaw*—Kearney Junction 2; Hastings 2. *Nebraska City*—Aurora 2 50; Ulysses 5; York 2 80. *Omaha*—Madison 2 35 83

KANSAS.—*Austin*—Denison 88. *Emporia*—Atlania 3 10; Ellinwood 2 65. *Hughlan*—Gaylord 1; Irving 5; Mulberry Creek 3; Smith's Centre 1 50. *Nesho*—Paola 17. *Topka*—Lincoln Centre 2 50; Ludsey 2 50; Minneapolis 7 131 25

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Pewee Valley 17 00

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 1st, Henry St 3.0 (add'l). *Long Island*—Setauket 10 12 310 12

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Ann Arbor 3 57. *Grand Rapids*—Eik Rapids 17. Ionia, D Hammond 10, Elen Mills 1=11. *Kalamazoo*—Allegan 51 75. *Lansing*—Delhi 9. *Monroe*—Adrian 274; California 15; Ida 4 95; Petersburg. (of which 50 cents is Lura's gift) 10 15; Quincy 9 95. *Saginaw*—Bennington 8; Ithaca 12 50; Bay City 31 86; Vassar 10 475 03

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Sleepy Eye Lake 2 35. *Southern Minnesota*—Fillmore 9 57; Preston 8 13. *St Paul*—St Paul Central 10 50. *Winona*—Claremont 7 81; Ripley 1 79 40 55

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Bethel 4; Fairview 1 25; Sunny Side 2; Warsaw 2. *Ozark*—Carthage 5; Drydock 2 50; Rev T O Rice 5. *Palmyra*—Bevier 5; Edina 2 35. *Platte*—Hamilton 3. *S2 Louis*—Elk Prairie 2; Ferguson 10; Rolla 10 54 10

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth 3d 14 10; Plainfield 1st 6 81; Pluckamun 4 58; Roselle 1st 15 97; Summit West 8 33; Westfield 22 33. *Jersey City*—Rutherford Park 6 89. *Monmouth*—Holmanville 12; Mattawan Sab sch 22 39. *Morris* and *Orange*—East Orange 31 61; Morris-town 1st 58 68; Pleasant Grove 22 43. *Newark*—Bloomfield German 22; Newark Park 13 71. *Newton*—La Fayette 2 35; Yellow Frame 8 34. *West Jersey*—Cape Island 10; Fislerville Sab sch 9 292 55

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Middletown 1st 16 34; West Town 3 61. *New York*—New York church

of Sea and Land 2 82; Madison Square, add'l, 100 00; N Y, University Place 2,640 57; N Y, West 23d St 68 68; N Y, 4th Ave 67 95. *North River*—Cold Spring 10; Malden, add'l 10; Newburgh Calvary 22 32; Rondout 30 20; South Auonia, add'l 35. *Westchester*—Poundridge 65; Isabella Porter 50 cents 3,032 63

PACIFIC.—*Los Anglos*—Santa Barbara 26 96. *Oregon*—Eugene City 7 50; Pleasant Grove 16; Portland 180; Roseburg 15. *Sacramento*—Sonora 10 255 46

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Chester 1st 25; Fagg's Manor Sab-Sch 5 50; Great Valley 12 25. *Lackawanna*—Kingston 37 48; Mt Pleasant 28; Wilkesbarre 264. *Lehigh*—Catasauqua 1st 100; Ferndale 5; Upper Mount Bethel 5; Weatherly 3. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 2d 79 84, (from Mrs J A Smith 50, from Mrs Ral-ton 10); Philadelphia 9th, Sab-sch 25. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Alexander Sab-sch 43 86; Tioga St 11 75. *Westminster*—Marie ta 50 693 73

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Livermore Sab-sch 11; New Alexandria 5 54. *Pittsburgh*—Bethany, add'l 50; East Liberty 89 78. Hazlewood Sab-sch 44 61; Hopewell 2 87; Pittsburgh 2d 31 49; West Elizabeth 15. *Redstone*—Mt Vernon 4; Mount Washington 1 50; Pleasant Unity 11 50; Somerset 4. *Washington*—Wheeling 4th 59 cents. *West Virginia*—Glennville 5; Sutton 4 280 82

TENNESSEE.—*Union*—Washington 3 00

T. LEOD.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 4 18; Bucyrus 5 29; Forest 6 30. *Maumee*—Delta 2; Haskins 6 23 77

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Niagara*—Pendleton and Wheatfield 17 50; Rev E Jones and wife 20. *Rochester*—Rochester Central 53 93 43

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Delafield 1 75. *Winnebago*—Rural 10 08. *Wisconsin River*—Middleton 3 53 15 36

Total received from churches, \$9,537 05

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Peter Schuester, dec'd, late of New York City 3,000; legacy of Eliza Harper, dec'd, late of New York City, add'l 80; legacy of Henry W Snyder, dec'd, late of Cairo, N Y, (a balance) 750; legacy of Rollin McCurly, dec'd, late of Union county, Pa, (in part) 462; Ferry Ministry Fund 75; bequest of Charles F Latham, dec'd, late of New York City, (a balance) 1,250 \$3,37 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Interest on Bowes' legacy 59 01; six mo's interest on Hungerford investment, 297 66; Rev T R Townsend, Meridian, N Y, 29; Mrs P D Browne, Montreal, Canada 10; "A Friend, in Western New York." 50; Mrs A C Brow, Morning Sun, Iowa 10; Mrs J J Buck, Glasco, N Y 10; Rev G L Edwards 5; A lady 21, gold, and premium 2 40=22 40; Mrs Maria Stevens, Avon, N Y, 2; "Glenlock," Pa 10; Henry Brewster, Esq, Shirleysburg, Pa 10 \$95 13

Total in May, \$16,830 18

Of the amount acknowledged above, \$1,296 73 was received from the Committee on Benevolence and Finance.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—LUKE X. 2.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1874-5.

The estimate of the Board for its wants for the next year, presented in the recent Annual Report—\$111,500—has been strictly and carefully made. It allows but \$100,000 for the regular quarterly payments and expenses, and provides \$11,500 for debts. The number of students will probably be increased; there are some who really need more than the maximum granted last year, which was \$150 to theological and \$120 to collegiate students; and thus it will be seen that a larger amount could be judiciously expended.

But it is the object of the Board only to ask what it really needs for known and definite objects. The estimate requires a considerable increase in the contributions of all the churches. Will not ministerial brethren and Christian friends take fully this into consideration, and determine to make this year a generous effort in behalf of Education?

THE EVANGELISTS OF SCIENCE.

The scientific world is in a great ferment with regard to the approaching Transit of Venus. The passage of this planet across the sun's disk, on the 8th day of December next, will be an important epoch in astronomy. It will afford an extraordinary opportunity for observations which will aid to determine questions as to the bulk, distance, and constitution of the sun, and also as to those of the planet. The last similar occasion was a hundred and five years, the previous one two hundred and thirty-five years ago. For several years past the governments of the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Russia, France, Portugal, and other civilized countries, have been preparing to send forth expeditions to suitable points all over the world, between the extremes of the Northern and Southern poles. Scores of stations will be occupied by astronomers, meteorologists, photographers, and other men of science, who have eagerly offered to give up their ordinary pursuits, quit home and family, brave all the dangers and discomforts of distant voyages and journeys, and employ many months of their valuable time, for the chance, if the weather permit, to observe an event which will at last come and go like a passing cloud. What learning, what toil, what suffering, what immense journeys, what expenditures of millions of money, to learn the lessons of those few moments, and to communicate them to the world!

Who can help comparing all this splendid enterprise and all these vast outlays of the world in behalf of science with what the Church of Jesus Christ adventures and accomplishes in behalf of infinitely more important ends?

Oh, how unspeakably more great and valuable is the knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness! To measure his grandeur, and glory, and majesty, and power! To find in him life, who is the Light of men, the Fountain of all light! To communicate the knowledge of salvation through him to all the world, to every creature!

If astronomers gladly traverse the globe to find and profit by these material facts, and governments spend millions of money to obtain and publish them, how much more willing should our Christian young men be to learn and spread the

knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and Christian people be to contribute liberally to the expenses of their education, and their maintenance in labors for Christ's kingdom! It is a shame, before angels and men, if we allow these evangelists of science to exceed, in their zeal, activity, and liberal equipments, the evangelists who should fill the whole earth with the gospel of Christ!

CHANGE OF MONTH FOR OUR ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

March has been felt by the Board to be a most trying one for the annual collections in behalf of Education. A stormy Sabbath at this fickle season of the opening spring has frequently diminished largely the proceeds from hundreds of churches. The inspiration of the prayers at the close of the old year and the opening of the new, for home and foreign missions, has often been exhausted by that time. But, above all, in this closing month of the fiscal accounts of the Boards, the weekly newspapers are filled with the simultaneous din of cries from all of them to save them from closing their year in debt. For these several reasons February is a much preferable month, and we are most thankful that the Assembly has judged it well to make the change, and appoint February as the one for our annual collections.

Weekly contributions are, no doubt, the scripture plan and the wisest; the only one which will meet the rapidly expanding necessities of our Church-work. But as long as many congregations yet creep along upon the annual system, it is important that they begin an education for better things by the uniformity, the larger information, and the more vigorous impulse, which are communicated by the appointment of a time when all can learn the wants of a Board through the statements of its officers, and when all can join heart and hand in praying for it and contributing to it.

The Board of Education needs *now* the help of those who gave it none during the past year; and it hopes that hereafter FEBRUARY will be remembered as the month of general effort in its behalf.

SUMMARIES OF PROFESSORS' REPORTS.

The summaries of the reports of the faculties of the seminaries and colleges as to the standing of candidates will be compiled within the next few weeks, as rapidly as practicable, and sent, together with blank forms for recommendations and renewals, to the Education Committees of the Presbyteries. During the summer vacation each Committee should inform itself, as far as possible, in regard to the position and requirements of the students connected with its Presbytery, render them such counsel as they need, and secure their presence at the fall meeting, if possible, or such statements from them as will enable the Presbytery to act intelligently and correctly in voting them recommendations to the Board for aid during the ensuing collegiate year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE SPECIAL DEBT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The report of the Committee of gentlemen, to whom was delegated by the General Assembly of 1873 the collection of the Special Debt of \$27,000, which it had assumed from the Board, was made to the last Assembly, at St. Louis.

The Committee labored earnestly for the accomplishment of the object, but with only partial success; inasmuch as just at the time when its agents fairly commenced work, "a general financial panic of a most serious character pervaded

the whole country, which almost paralyzed every effort in the direction from which was anticipated the most liberal responses. We must also state," it is said, "that our agents were met in a very large number of churches by the fact that the great wave of benevolent effort to relieve the Board of Foreign Missions had swept all the extra funds into their treasury, and that it was impossible to supplement and aid any other special demands for this financial year."

Through the labors of the Committee there was realized by the Board \$2,701.93 paid through the Committee, and \$1,409.12 remitted on its account from churches and individuals, making a total of \$4,111.05. This amount was divided, *pro rata*, according to their claims, among the students who, after due notice, applied for it; that is, to 393 out of 676 on the roll last year.

THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Annual Report of this excellent society, which is sustained by the Congregational churches, for the year 1873, gives some facts of general interest.

The average number who each quarter received payments was about 280; though, in consequence of the record covering four classes in the seminaries and five in the colleges, the entire number on it was 361.

There are seven theological seminaries distinctively identified with the Congregationalists, which had during the year the following total number of students: Andover, 74; Bangor, 26; New Haven, 94; Hartford, 28; Chicago, 55; Oberlin, 47; Pacific, 5; total, 329. Students have been assisted at these, and at Yale, Union, and Lane Seminaries. Of the above 329, 98 had received no collegiate education, and 20 had taken only a partial course in college, so that 118, or more than one-third of the whole, were not college graduates.

The financial condition of the Society is improving. The receipts for the three years 1867-9 averaged \$19,754; for the three 1870-2, \$29,277; for the year 1872-3 they were \$33,379. The expenditures for the year 1872-3 were \$31,685; the salaries and other necessary expenses amounted to \$4,810, or about 15 per cent. The amount of aid granted to each student was \$100 a year. The students are required to report their "earnings" outside of this aid; these amounted to \$41,264, and made about one dollar and a half directly earned to each dollar granted. The Society is anxious to raise its grants up to \$150 to each student.

Some valuable facts and statistics are given in the Report. We have only space at present for the following:

"Among the thousands of young men that have been helped on their way to the ministry by the American Education Society, there are hundreds who have become truly great men, of wide and commanding influence. They have far surpassed what is expected of individual men. They have become large organizers in the Church of Christ, and have wielded a power for good such as will make their names to be held in long remembrance.

"Among the three hundred names, first enrolled upon our list between the years 1816 and 1821, are found the names of four men, who came, by the providence of God, to hold a large place in the plans and labors of the Christian Church—Rev. John C. Brigham, D.D., Rev. Rufus Anderson, D.D., Rev. David Greene, and Rev. Milton Badger, D.D. Dr. Brigham died in 1862, having been for forty years connected with the American Bible Society, and for thirty-five years its able and efficient secretary. Dr. Anderson and Rev. David Green are well known in their connection with the American Board, as its secretaries. Dr. Milton Bad-

ger has but just passed away, after his long and able services as secretary of the American Home Missionary Society.

"It is a striking fact, that from the men assisted by the Education Society have been furnished a very large part of the secretaries of our benevolent societies ever since their history began. These men are chosen to these places without any thought, of course, of their early history. They are chosen because they are the men wanted. Of the twelve or thirteen secretaries now connected with the seven Congregational benevolent societies, nine are men that were thus assisted into the ministry.

"Among those three hundred names are not only to be found those four secretaries, but a large number of other men whose influence in the Church of Christ has been large and noble—men who have filled long ministries in our city churches, prominent missionaries, professors in colleges, etc. In a work like ours, this *law of compensation* becomes one of the grandest realities."

RECEIPTS IN MAY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Ballston Spa 44 49. <i>Troy</i> —Cohoes 8 52 49	MINNESOTA.— <i>Mankato</i> —Judson 2; Windom 4. <i>Winona</i> —Albert Lea 14; Fillmore 2 76 22 76
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Williamsport 20. <i>New Castle</i> —Elkton 5; Newark 10; Wilmington, West 25. <i>Washington City</i> —Clifton 8 60 68 60	MISSOURI.— <i>Osage</i> —Pleasant Hill 5. <i>Palmyra</i> —Kirksville 3; Memphis 2. <i>Platte</i> —Hackerberry Ridge 1; Hamilton 4; New York Settlement 1 16
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —McGrawville 25 92; Masonville 3. <i>Oneida</i> —Stainford 12 40. <i>St Lawrence</i> —Adams 20. <i>Utica</i> —New Hartford 20 84 82 16	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Elizabeth, 2d 147 99. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Hanover 40. <i>Newark</i> —Bloomfield 1st 60 10; Montclair 87 57. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Amwell, 2d 3; Hamilton Square 9 60; Lawrenceville 33 85. <i>Newton</i> —Wantage 1st 10 75. <i>West Jersey</i> —Camden, 2d 30 449 86
CINCINNATI.— <i>Chillicothe</i> —Washington 5. <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati, Central 134; Monterey 3. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Jackson 11 30 153 30	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Circleville 14; Ridgebury 9. <i>New York</i> —New York, University Place 65; 35. <i>Westchester</i> —Hartford 1st 40 50; Greenburgh 17 33 736 18
CLEVELAND.— <i>Mahoning</i> —Clarkson 4 11; Hubbard 9; Youngstown 22 25. <i>Steubenville</i> —Hanover 2; Minerva 5; Smithfield 3 45 36	PACIFIC.— <i>San Francisco</i> —Oakland, German 2
COLORADO.— <i>Montana</i> —Bozeman 3	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Fagg's Manor 22 35. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Scranton, German 2; Troy 41 42; Warren 20. <i>Lehigh</i> —Catasauqua, 2d 10; Upper Mt Bethel 5. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Phila. 2d, Mrs Raiston 10, "E C" 5; Phila. 10th, Mrs S K G Beck 100; Phila., Clinton St. "a member" 10; Phila., W Spruce St 375. <i>Philadelphia Central</i> —Phila., Nebraska 42 45; Phila., Olive 14 12. <i>Philadelphia North</i> —Abington 72 16; Chestnut Hill 82 75. <i>Westminster</i> —Marietta 60 872 25
COLUMBIA.— <i>Wooster</i> —Holmesville 5 30. <i>Zanesville</i> —Friedericktown 6 93; Madison 15 50; Zanesville, 2d 17 25 44 98	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Lizonier 8; Murraysville 17; Pleasant Grove 7. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Hebron 10; Mansfield 11; Mingo 22 25; Mt Washington 7; Pittsburgh, 7th 6 81. <i>Redstone</i> —Mt Vernon 3; Somerset 3; Tyrone 15 71. <i>Washington</i> —Burgetts-town 21 21; Pigeon Creek 23. <i>West Virginia</i> —Peunsoic 7 40 162 48
erie.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Allegheny, 2d 50; Beaver 15; Tarentum 19. <i>Butler</i> —Butler 42; Middlesex 20; Muddy Creek 5 50; Portersville 8; Summit 6. <i>Clarion</i> —Clarion 11 28; Pisgah 10; Reynoldsville 5; Troy 8. <i>erie</i> —Fairview 6. <i>Kittanning</i> —Currie's Run 11 50; Jacksonville 10, Bethel 15=25; Kittanning 5. <i>Shenango</i> —Mt Pleasant 8 255 28	TOLEDO.— <i>Huron</i> —Olena 13 53; Peru 6 67 20 10
GENEVA.— <i>Geneva</i> —Ithaca 50 80; Oak's Corner 4 54 80	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Rochester</i> —Groveland 6
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Dauphin 10. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Bradford 2 89; Kylestown 2; Milesburgh 5; Phillipsburgh 2 59; Woodland 1 25 23 64	WISCONSIN.— <i>Winnebago</i> —Horicon 3. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Beaver Dam, 1st 28 93; Kilbourne City 6 70 38 63
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Schuyler</i> —Warsaw 5 70	
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Chicago, Fullerton Av 15. <i>Freeport</i> —Galena, German 3 15; Woodstock 5. <i>Ottawa</i> —Wyoming 5 28 15	
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Brighton 3 20; Plum Creek 5 8 20	
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Fort Wayne, 1st 69 25. <i>Muncie</i> —Union City 5 74 25	Total from Churches, \$3,451 53
IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Bethel 1. <i>Dubuque</i> —Hopkinton 8 50. <i>Waterloo</i> —La Porte City 4 06 13 56	From COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE \$437 51
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Des Moines</i> —Adel 5; Chariton 5; Leon 4. <i>Iowa City</i> —Davenport 25; Tipton 18 75 57 75	MISCELLANEOUS.
KANSAS.— <i>Highland</i> —Glasgow 2; Irving 2. <i>Topeka</i> —Lawrence 21 85 25 85	A friend, through the <i>Presbyterian</i> 1; "Maud," Richmond, O 10 11 00
KENTUCKY.— <i>Louisville</i> —Elizabethtown 2 60	Total receipts in May, \$3,900 04
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Brooklyn, Throop Ave 30 60. <i>Long Island</i> —Shelter Island 36 66 60	E. G. WOODWARD, Treasurer, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.
MICHIGAN.— <i>Lansing</i> —Marshall 17. <i>Monroe</i> —Adrian 50; Petersburg 2; Quincy 6 40 75 50	Reports and correspondence relating to the general business of the Board, address to WILLIAM SPEER, D.D., Corresponding Secretary.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. W. M. Thomson, D.D., of Syria, Rev. J. M. Alexander and his wife, and Mrs. A. Brodhead, of India, and Rev. E. W. Blyden, of Liberia, have arrived here since our last publication; and the arrival of the Rev. J. M. W. Farnham and his family at Shanghai, is reported. We regret to learn that the Rev. H. H. Spalding, of the Nez Perce Mission, is in very feeble health, but we hope that he may yet be restored to his usual strength.

On the 23d of May, Miss Eliza Kuhl sailed for Brazil as a missionary teacher. Miss Kuhl is a member of the church of Flemington, N. J. Many prayers will be offered for her by Christian friends.

NEW COMMUNICANTS, received by the church of San Louis Potosi, Mexico, two; Rio de Janeiro, four; Brotas, nine, and five more at another place in that district: Zahleh, Syria, four; Canton, China, five. At Kamia, Nez Perce Reservation, the Rev. H. H. Spalding baptized an Indian chief, under memories of peculiar interest. This man had come from his home, over 200 miles, for Christian instruction. Many years ago he had met Mr. Spalding; his tribe had been excited to take the lives of Dr. Whitman and others. Often since, he had been urged to join the Roman Catholics, but he was kept from compliance, until now he has been admitted to the church by the aged missionary, perhaps on his death-bed, and has taken the name of *Marcus Whitman* as his Christian name. Many of his tribe now want religious instruction from Protestants; their reservation is under the Romanists.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.—We are glad to see, in the letters from Brazil, that thirteen children were baptized in the church of Rio de Janeiro, and fourteen in the church of Brotas and vicinity.

LICENSED TO PREACH, by the Presbytery of Shanghai, two young Chinamen, who have been for some years under Christian training. It is hoped that they will prove useful missionary laborers among their own people.

CALL FOR PRAYER.—Dr. Jessup refers to the state of things in Syria, as showing the great need of spiritual power, to be obtained only from God and by prayer. The schools, seminaries, printing presses, preaching labors, are all in good service; but very few of the young men seem willing to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, and worldly cares seem to engross too much the hearts of others. Many missionaries in other fields of labor would be glad to make the same request, "Brethren, pray for us,"—for missionaries as well as people.

RECEIPTS IN MAY.—From churches, \$10,053; from individual donors, \$783; from legacies, 3,738—in all, \$14,575. Of this sum, \$10,836 were from the first two classes of gifts. Last year the receipts in May were \$13,313—all of which were from these classes, no bequests having been received.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO JUNE 13TH.—From the Seneca Mission, June 4th; Seminole, May 29th; Nez Percés, May 20th; San Francisco, May 11th; Yokohama, April 14th; Yedo, April 23d; Shanghai, April 9th; Soochow, April 8th; Canton, April 13th; Allahabad, April 18th; Mynpurie, April 30th;

Futtehgurh, April 23d; Sabathu, April 30th; Lodiana, April 23d; Kolapore, April 25th; Ratnagiri, April 24th; Tehran, April 22d; Tabriz, April 27th; Oroomiah, March 3d; Beirut, May 4th; Zahleh, April 14th; Tripoli, April 25th; Benita, March 14th; Gaboon, April 10th; Rio de Janeiro, April 24th; Sao Paulo, April 18th; Rio Claro, April 16th; Valparaiso, May 2d; Mexico, May 14th; Zacatecas, May 1st.

LAST YEAR'S RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED.

We are so grateful for the relief of the financial situation of the Board, that we are in danger of overlooking matters of great moment. When we classify the receipts of last year, we cannot but note three things: 1. The large amount of *legacies*, \$88,373. 2. The large amount of *special* gifts, viz., all of the donations of the Women's Boards, a part of the Sabbath-school collections, and a part of the gifts of individual donors, together making over \$100,000. 3. After deducting the gifts by the Women's Boards—which this year are placed with the receipts of churches, but last year were placed with those of individual donors—then the amount received from churches is \$274,910.

We may hope that a large sum will be received this current year from the bequests of our departed friends, but of course we cannot be sure of it. We may also hope that the supporters of special objects will continue to support them, and to add to the amount; and yet we must remember that special objects soon cease to be special, and so losing their fresh interest, they may too easily lose the support at first warmly given to them. Nevertheless, we rely largely on this class of the Board's receipts; we hope it will reach a larger amount than has yet been attained. But when we think of the third and main class of the receipts, we can hardly help feeling discouraged. The amount received last year from the regular collections of the churches was less than the amount received in the preceding year; the number of churches contributing was also less by over one hundred. Indeed we believe there has been little advance in this class of receipts for the last seven years. After counting the amount given by the late New School churches to the American Board, for the years 1868, 1869, 1870, as estimated by well-informed men, and taking into account the reported receipts of the Assembly's Board in those years, it is surprising to find that in the years 1872, 1873, 1874, there has been but little increase *in the collections of the churches*, year by year, since 1868. (The year 1871 is not here included, the late New School churches giving to the Assembly's Board for only a part of the year.) In the meantime, there has been a large increase in the expenditure for the missions, resulting from the new work commenced, and the growth of the missions generally.

Now, in such a work as this, it is not wise to rely too much on special gifts, much less on bequests. The main reliance must be on regular, systematic efforts,—on gifts steady and gradually increasing. These ought to be secured, as the fruits of divine grace, under the usual instructions of the pulpit, and by the usual methods adopted in the churches under the direction of the sessions, aided by the missionary information now easily accessible. As the number and the pecuniary means of our Christian people increase, and as God in his Providence sets before them widening doors of access to the heathen, it seems but reasonable to look for enlarged resources for our work of missions. We are grateful for the increase of special gifts, but we are convinced that this cause must rest *chiefly* on our general church collections. The attention of our ministers and elders is respectfully solicited to this subject. The statistics given in another place may be of some use in their consideration of it.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1868-1874.

I.—GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS CLASSIFIED.

For the year ending May 1.	RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	From churches.	From individ- ual donors.	From legacies.	For the missions.	For secreta- ries, treasurer and clerks.	For printing, [§]	For travelling expenses.	For miscella- neous.
1868	\$177,939	\$59,782	\$15,219	\$258,237	\$10,131	\$7,782	376	829
1869	178,483	29,966	88,308	294,294	11,702	9,520	154	987
1870	188,681	22,983	23,251	288,041	11,396	10,287	126	1,253
1871	269,138	24,734	17,249	304,959	11,520	11,409	528	684
1872	276,354	79,804*	72,579	413,174	15,826	13,667	717	1,332
1873	289,579	88,140†	64,875	515,505	18,105	14,202	935	4,026
1874	274,910	129,123‡	88,373	456,907	19,574	15,202	842	2,405

* Of which, from the Women's Boards, about \$13,000.

† Of which, from the Women's Boards, \$87,009.

‡ Of which, from the Women's Boards, \$37,316.

§ Under this class, about two-thirds of the amount expended is for the *Foreign Missionary*, chiefly for the children's edition. This according to its terms, is sent without charge to Sabbath schools only which make collections for the Board.

It will be noted that special receipts for the debt, donations of the Bible and Tract Societies, &c., are *not* included in the returns here classified.

II.—RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS, IN TWO PERIODS OF THREE YEARS EACH.

From May 1, 1868, to May 1, 1870, \$657,834, averaging each year \$219,278.

From May 1, 1872, to May 1, 1874, \$1,137,910, " \$379,303.

Apportioned, by estimate, from examination of returns, viz., from late Old-school sources, \$746,260; from late New school sources, \$391,650, showing an average in three years to the former of \$248,753; to the latter of \$130,550. (In 1870 it was estimated that these churches and individual donors gave to the American Board \$115,000.)

III.—RETURNS IN 1870 AND 1873 OF RECEIPTS AND COMMUNICANTS.

In 1870 number of communicants represented, 257,029—average gifts of each 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents.

In 1873 number of communicants represented, 472,023—average gifts of each 80 cents. [Number of communicants in 1874, not yet published.]

ARE THE HEATHEN WELL PROVIDED FOR?

"We are glad for the heathen that they are well provided for."—See page 190 of the last *Record*. The reference is to the pecuniary provision made by our Church for its foreign missions, and the remark, which was made by one of the sincere friends of this cause, must not be understood as meant at all to set a limit to the enlargement of our work abroad. The writer was intending only to awaken greater liberality for our Home work of evangelization; but we think his remark furnishes an occasion of calling attention to some practical thoughts. Regarding it as made in view of the liberal gifts of our churches last year to foreign missions, we also are glad—glad not that the heathen are well provided for, but that so much was done for them.

While thus glad, we must not overlook some features of the case. One is this, that in order to avoid ending last year in debt, the Board was constrained to restrict its work in a painful way. If larger pecuniary means had been at its disposal, some new missionaries might have been sent out instead of being kept at home; new schools might have been opened, instead of closing some already open, etc. Another is, that in many of the mission fields the number of laborers

is very few, altogether inadequate to the work before them; think of the handful of men at work in China,—not as many, all told, as are to be found in the pulpits of one of our large cities. See the paragraph on “Preaching Tours” in Mr. Wilder’s report on another page. The laborers are indeed few.

Let us leave general statements here, and fix our attention for a moment on one of our smaller missionary fields—the Laos country, north of Siam. It contains between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 of people. Only four of our thirty-seven States have, each, a greater number of inhabitants. The people are Buddhists in their religion, dark-minded, depraved, without God and without hope. This country has two ministers of the gospel and their wives as its only Christian laborers. There is no fear (or hope, rather,) of their having missionaries of other denominations in their field; our mission there is likely to be the only one. Of these two families, one, after sixteen years’ absence, most of the time in Siam, returned to this country, a few months ago, for health, and also to make arrangements for the education of their two oldest children. These are now left with Christian friends, and the missionaries are on their way back to their distant field of labor, taking with them their two youngest children, and expecting soon to be followed by a medical missionary now under appointment. They spent a week, before starting, in the family of the writer of these lines. The Church has no sincerer laborers for Christ, and few if any more self-denying. Think of a minister who could be at once eligibly settled as a pastor here at home, think of a lady of culture and refinement, think of parents deeply attached to their children, going back into the midst of heathenism, so far removed from all Christian civilization, that they can have no mail communication with the outside world, nor with their own children in this country, except as opportunity offers by travellers to Bangkok, often after intervals of several months. We mention these things to bring their field somewhat distinctly before our readers.

Now, as may be supposed, on this late visit, many subjects connected with their work were talked over. One of these was the need of a printing press, and of type to be cast from matrices yet to be prepared, to print parts of the Bible which are already translated into the Laos language,—a language in which nothing has yet been printed. “Could the Board appropriate about \$2,500 to \$3,000 for this purpose?” Well, could it? With its present outlook as to its receipts, the answer is, No, not yet. But the subject spoken of with most interest, was the need of more laborers. Two towns were particularly pointed out as calling for missionaries. One contains from 20,000 to 30,000 people, and is the chief city in a province; another contains a less number of inhabitants, but is an important connecting link between Bangkok and Chiengmai. “Could not the Board send out two ministers, or a minister and a medical missionary, to each of these important cities?” This was the earnest question of the missionary. What shall be the answer? We believe the men can be found, but the Board has not the means of sending them out. These heathen Laos are evidently *not* “well provided for.”

We ought to add, that in the conversations above referred to, the true theory was kept in view,—that of so conducting missions as to train up native laborers, on whom the work must eventually rest; but for the working of this theory, more men are needed. Thus far encouragement has attended this Laos mission, though it has met with great difficulties; its first converts met with persecutions ending in the martyrdom of two of them. But now there is rest, and an open door for our efforts to give the gospel to this people. We need only add, that a statement of the case of several other mission fields would teach a similar lesson—the need of larger funds for the efficient prosecution of our work abroad.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF
THE KOLAPOOR MISSION, INDIA.

KOLAPOOR STATION.

Preaching.—Our regular Sabbath and daily services, church meetings on Fridays, prayer-meetings Sabbath and Wednesday evenings, with daily reading and catechetical exercises, have continued through the year with growing interest, interrupted only by my brief absence at Synod. The daily service in our Home Chapel has continued to be one of special interest, the usual audience having been enlarged by 40 or 50 workmen employed on the New Mission House, of whom three have been hopefully converted and received into the church.

The other hour given daily to the more personal instruction of Christian Helpers and Teachers, as also of work people and other dependents, continues to prove valuable for its influence in correcting wrong views and increasing the Bible knowledge, piety, and usefulness of the Christians, nor less so for deepening impressions in the minds of those still unconverted.

Preaching Tours—The first 150 miles of my journey to Synod was made as a preaching tour, large and attentive audiences gathering in each of the 64 villages visited; and since this Mission was re-established in 1861, the Lord has now enabled me to visit and preach in 2,464 towns and villages, in 2,114 of which no trace was found of any missionary having visited them before. The population of these 2,464 places is 2,022,783. In 158 of them schools were found under Government supervision, and indigenous schools in 244 others. In 2,062 of them no school was found, and in 966 of them no resident was found able to read his own language.

Tracts, Books and Scriptures.—From the Depository of the Kolapoor Station in 1873:—Tracts and Books, 141,904 pages; Bibles and Portions, 55,346 pages.

Schools.—The Girls' School has continued in session the whole year, though Mrs. Wilder has found it difficult to keep up its former number and character, owing to the change of teachers and the leaving of the larger girls, as mentioned in our last Report. Still there has been progress, several interesting girls are now rising into the fourth class, and one girl, a very good scholar, who has been trained in this school some eight years, has obtained

grace and courage to confess Christ before men. By the dear friends in *Springfield, Ky.*, who have long supported her in school, and who have doubtless often helped us with their prayers to God for her, she is known as "*Bell Green.*" It required no ordinary courage and decision in "*Bell*" to break away from her heathen friends, take up her cross, and follow Jesus. Her heathen mother, by a religious vow, had devoted her to the vile goddess "*Yellama,*" and thereby to a life of sin. The mighty force of custom and religious superstitions, with their fear-inspiring sanctions, combined with all regard and affection for her mother to hold *Bell* in this cruel bondage. In this struggle *blind Soobhi*, with her head and heart full of more than 100 Christian hymns, the catechism, the whole Gospel of John, and other portions of the Bible she has learned by heart, was especially helpful to *Bell* in encouraging her purpose. And yet the trial was severe and prolonged, and the force of character and conviction developed in breaking off the trammels and net-work of sin and superstition so skilfully and closely woven about her, furnished a new illustration of the efficacy of God's truth and grace in the heart. Her wicked brother threatened to kill her. Her mother long persisted in efforts to bring her again into her power, resorting alternately to threats and touching outbursts of affection mingled with alluring promises. But *Bell* was enabled to remain steadfast in the truth, was baptized and received into the church in April last, and has thus far witnessed a good confession. A native convert having recently made her acquaintance, they were united in Christian marriage a few days ago, and we hope they are both to be useful in the Lord's service.

Another dear girl in this school, *Ramkore* by name, baptized in childhood, and long supported by kind ladies in *Philadelphia*, has also been received to communion, giving us reason to thank God for His blessing on this school during the year now closing. *Ramkore*, originally of the Marathi caste, has made such progress in study that she is now Mrs. W——'s chief reliance as teacher in the school.

Mrs. Wilder continues her Bible readings and efforts for the women at their homes in the city with no abatement of zeal or hope, and speaks of her regular prayer-meeting with 25 or

30 women and girls as growing in interest and usefulness.

The Boys' School in Mungulwar Pait has lost some of its older and more advanced pupils, but it still has over 100, and some 75 have been present at the regular examinations. The Boys' School in Somwar Pait has some 50 pupils, with an average attendance of 30. The boys of both these schools read and study our Christian books and Scriptures, commit to memory the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and a catechism of 40 pages, and in this way become familiar with Christian truth. The two schools taught by Baizoo and Bhiwa, the elders of our church, are small and often interrupted by heathen festivals. Our native Christian teachers do not yet succeed in gaining sufficient influence with heathen parents and their children, to gather and hold prosperous schools among them. But their schools become nuclei where the parents and neighbors of the children gather and listen to instruction, and doubtless our native helpers accomplish more in the way of preaching than they would do if not also required to teach school. In these five schools are more than 130 boys and 30 girls.

Native Church.—I am thankful to be able to speak of manifest progress on the part of some of our church members, a better understanding and appreciation of spiritual things, more care to walk worthy of the Gospel, and more effort to persuade others to accept the great salvation.

One member who had neglected the services and ordinances of the church, and had come under censure for getting married in the Hindu way, has returned, confessing his wrong doing, and has been re-married in a Christian manner, his wife showing a readiness to receive Christian instruction. Since May some efforts have been made to induce the members of the church to give a tenth of their incomes for evangelistic and benevolent purposes. Most of them are very poor, only four of all our converts receiving any support from the Mission, and these small monthly sums of \$4.50, \$3.50, \$2.50, and \$1.50 as Christian teachers. To most of them the result of these efforts has been very creditable. They have contributed Rs. 22 10 9 since May, which shows a marked advance in this grace of giving.

Seven persons have been received into the church during the year, one of them our son Robert. One other had been

baptized in childhood on the faith of Christian parents. The remaining five, gathered in from the heathen, were baptized on admission. Two children of believing parents have been baptized, and two Christian marriages have been solemnized. One aged church member has died, leaving our present number: 27 communicants, (two of them missionary children) and 10 baptized children. The 25 native communicants were all received into this church on examination and profession of their faith in Christ.—*R. G. Wilder.*

I have, as heretofore, usually held a preaching service in our city chapel on Sunday P. M., the attendance upon which has varied from 30 to 80. Some people from the near villages continue to come to these meetings, and are more disposed to listen gladly to the truth than to raise objections. I have also visited our Marathi school in Mungulwar Pait weekly, and tried to impress the fundamental truths of the Gospel upon the minds and hearts of the youth there, and all who have been disposed to listen to me. The three schools in Aditawar Pait and Chambhar (Tanners') Wada, taught by our native helpers, have frequently been visited, and the people in those localities been exhorted to repent and believe. I find that some of the pupils, their parents and others, have acquired some knowledge of Christianity, and I regard a few as inquirers.

Preaching Tour.—In January, I made a three weeks' tour through the eastern part of this State into the Putwurdhun States, accompanied by Messrs. Hull and Graham. In some towns large audiences assembled to hear us, and we sold quite a large number of tracts and Scripture portions. The whole number of villages visited by me this year is 44.

Schools.—I have visited the school in Chambhar Wada weekly, and occasionally examined the pupils, some of whom have memorized the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Their progress in learning to read is not encouraging. Our High-School is still small, though larger than it was last year. After the rains, 25 scholars were in attendance, but several have left, so that we have 22 at the close of the year. These attend our Sabbath preaching, and daily prayers in the Home Chapel, and a few voluntarily read the Bible with us. The number of scholars in these two schools is 40.—*G. W. Seiler.*

During the past year a daily reading exercise has been held with my servants, after which on Sabbath days they have recited the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Catechism. In these exercises, and in the recitations of several classes in the school-room, I have endeavored, as opportunity offered, to awaken the minds of servants and scholars to the need of salvation, and to show the fitness of the Gospel to man's condition. As this is my first year in India, my time has

been occupied principally in the study of the language.—*J. P. Graham.*

This has been my first year in India, and my time, in consequence, has been devoted mainly to the acquisition of the language. Aside from this, for the greater part of the year, a short time has been spent daily in the school-room; and the opportunities afforded there as well as in private conversation, for presenting and impressing Christian truth, I have tried to improve.—*J. J. Hull.*

(To be concluded.)

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN MAY 1874.

SYNODS IN SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY—*Albany*—Sand Lake ch 1. *Champlain*—Essex ch 4 20. *Columbia*—1st ch, Durham 71. *Troy*—1st ch, Cohoes 13; Caldwell ch 3

98 20

ATLANTIC—*Atlantic*—James Island ch 1. *Catawba*—Charlotte, col'd Sab-sch 6, little boy, for Elfe 1=7. *Yadkin*—Statesville Sab-sch 2 27

10 27

BALTIMORE—*Baltimore*—Grove ch 8. *New Castle*—Berlin, Buckingham ch 4 85; Delaware City ch 29 60; Newark ch 9 11; Zion ch 25, Sab-sch 25=0; Rock ch 10. *Washington City*—N Y Ave ch, Youths' Miss'y Soc'y 146 19

257 75

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Windsor ch 9, Sab-sch 4 25=13 25; Virgil ch 2; Waverly ch 11 03. *Otsego*—Gilbertsville ch 29 32. *St. Lawrence*—Hammond ch, Samuel Miller 10. *Syracuse*—Atruboy ch 33; Liverpool ch 10; 1st Ward ch, Syracuse 12 80. *Utica*—New Harford Sab-sch, for China 10; New York Mills ch 85; Clinton ch 160 47

376 87

CINCINNATI.—*Portsmouth*—Euera Vista ch 2; Ironton Sab-sch 25

27 00

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—North ch Sab-sch, to sup girl in Syria 75; Rome ch 4; Willoughby ch 4. *Mahoning*—Deerfield ch, W F M Society 40; Salem ch 40; 1st ch, Youngstown 45 94. *Sz. Clairsville*—Rock Hill ch, Coal Brook Sab-sch 11 11; Senecaville ch 6. *Steubenville*—Minerva ch 4; Smithfield ch 3; Pleasant Hill ch Sab-sch, for China 12 16; New Harrisburg ch Sab-sch, for China 13 00; Harlem ch 16

274 21

COLORADO.—*Montana*—Bozeman ch 3 00

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Pomeroy ch, for Dakota 14. *Wouster*—Black Creek ch 5. *Zanesville*—Brownsville ch 25; Linton Sab-sch 5 65; 2d ch, Zanesville 67 02; Madison ch 33 50

152 17

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—North ch, Allegheny, "Try" Mission Band, for Zahlen 50; Leetsdale ch Sab-sch 24 50. *Butler*—Muddy Creek ch 14 25;adies' Miss'y Soc'y 31 75=46; Centre ch 21 98. *Erie*—1st ch Sab-sch, Meadville, to ed child at Dehra 12 50; Franklin ch, for Old Debt 25; Warren ch 48, for Old Debt 2=50. *Kittanning*—Marion ch 40. *Shenango*—Clarksville Sab-sch 20 65

290 63

GENEVA.—*Caruga*—Aurora ch mo con 17; Port Byron ch Sab-sch, for Slanghai 12 50; 2d ch, Auburn 94 50. *Chemung*—1st ch, Elmira 74; Watkins ch 2 29; Tyrone ch 62 cts; Sugar Hill ch 41 cts. *Geneva*—1st ch, Romulus, 84, debt 15=99; 1st ch, Ithaca 311 77; Seneca Falls ch 58 35; 1st ch, Manchester 10. *Lyons*—1st ch, Lyons, no con 2 76. *Steuben*—Hertelssville ch, 31 20, M Hurlbut 3 20=34 40; Arkport ch 12

729 60

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Sherman-dale ch 4; Pine St ch, Harrisburgh 548 54; Bloomfield ch 25; Middle Spring ch, 100, Thomas McKee 50=150. *Huntingdon*—Perryville ch 100; Logan's

Valley ch, Antistown Sab-sch, sp for China 5; Lewistown ch 76; Hollidaysburg ch 58 34, Sab-sch 7 58=65 92; Perryville ch, Port Royal Sab-sch 6 44; Sinking and Spring Creek chs 117; Beulah ch 3; Birmingham ch, Eden Valley Sab-sch 6. *Northumberland*—Bald Eagle and Nittany chs 50; 2d ch, Williamsport 42 24. *Wellsboro*—Tioga ch 5

1,204 14

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Schneller*—Bushnell ch 5. *Springfield*—2d ch, Springfield 147 79

152 79

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Fuller on Ave ch, Chicago 75 75; Jefferson Park ch 18 80, Sab-sch 174 61=193 41; Peotone ch 14; 2d ch, Chicago 110 67; 1st ch, Chicago 160. *Freeport*—1st ch, Rockford 29 04. *Rock River*—Sterling ch, omitted in March 183 10; Spring Valley ch 4 15; 1st ch, Fulton 2 40

777 58

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Plainview ch 2 80; Virden ch 5 50; 1st ch, Jerseyville 81 05. *Cairo*—Shawneetown ch 5 08; Carmi ch 4 86. *Mattoon*—Brownstown ch 2; Shelbyville ch 17 30

118 59

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Union ch 6; Perryville ch 3 45; Darlington ch 7 50; Dover ch 6 10; Bethel ch 2 50. *Fort Wayne*—Franklin ch 22 40. *Logansport*—Plymouth Sab-sch 4; Wanatah ch 1 40; Valparaiso ch 10. *Muncie*—Wabash ch 15 20; Liberty ch 12 05

90 60

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Hopewell ch 15; Second ch 48. *New Albany*—Second ch, New Albany 60. *Vincennes*—Poland ch 10; Bethany ch 15. *White Water*—First ch, Richmond 9 40

157 40

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Second ch Sab-sch, Cedar Rapids 7; First ch, Cedar Rapids 186 36. *Dubuque*—Prairie ch 9 50

202 86

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—First ch Corn-ing 15 40; Fairview ch 3 85; Lenox ch 1 15. *Des Moines*—First ch Des Moines 30; Cincinnati ch 2 30; Moulton ch 2 13. *Iowa*—Batavia ch 5; First ch Burlington 10. *Iowa City*—Mount Union ch 3; Princeton ch 4; First ch Tipton 1 50. *Omaha*—Kearney Junction ch 2

80 33

KANSAS.—*Highland*—Irving ch 10; Glasco ch 1. *Topeka*—Delphos ch 1

12 00

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Throop Ave ch 20 41; 1st ch, Edgewater, S 1 8 87; South 3d st ch, Williamsburg 35; Throop Ave Mission Sab-sch Association 100. *Long Island*—Southold Sab-sch, to sup girl at Beirut 50. *Nassau*—Astoria ch 19 86

214 14

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Ann Arbor ch 6 07. *Kalamazoo*—Sturgis ch 8 70; 1st ch Cassopolis 7 24; 1st ch Kalamazoo 186 89. *Lansing*—Delhi ch 6. *Monroe*—1st ch Adrian 60; Peter-burg ch 4 95; Quincy ch 11 41. *Saginaw*—Vassar ch 10; Bay City ch 20 49

321 75

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Sleepy Eye Lake ch 4. *St. Paul*—Central ch, St. Paul 17 85; 1st ch, Stillwater 6 55; Westmin-ster ch, Minneapolis 8 26; Hastings ch 2 *Winoona*—Fillmore ch 3 28; Preston ch 16 30; Ripley ch 98 cts; Claremont ch 5 60 64 83

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Bethel ch 1 50. *Palmyra*—Edina ch 4. *Platte*—Heuvelton ch 3; Bieckenridge ch 2 10 50

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Pluckamin ch 7 80, Sab-sch 33 92=11 72; 3d ch, Elizabeth 21; Summit, West ch 14 19; Westfield ch 38; 1st ch, Plainfield 11 60; Roselle ch 27 18. *Jersey City*—2d ch, Paterson 19 10; Rutherford Park ch 17 02; 3d ch Sab-sch, Paterson, for China 4. *Monmouth*—Farmingdale ch 3; Matawan ch Sab-sch 22 40. *Morris and Orange*—2d ch, Mendham 5 35; 1st ch, Morris-town 38 28; South Orange ch 36 61; Mount Freedom ch Union Sab-sch 5, Wolfe Sab-sch 8=13; 1st ch, East Orange 68 80; 1st ch, Mendham 63 30. *Newark*—Caldwell Sab-sch, for Syria ch 31 28; Park ch, Newark 23 38. *New Brunswick*—4th ch Infant Sab-sch, Trenton, to sup Amanda, at Dehra sch 28 06. *Newton*—Harmony ch, Oliver Dewit and family, Mission box 4; Newton Sab-sch, for Beirut 100 55; Yellow Frame ch 14 20; Lalayette ch 4. *West Jersey*—Cold Spring ch S-b-sch 3; Cape Sab-sch 18 40; 1st ch Sab-sch, Bridgeton 25 700 02

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Newburyport 2d ch 62 80. *Hudson*—West Town ch 6 13; 1st ch, Middletown 27 81. *New York*—Brick ch Chapel 14 59; Washington Heights ch mo con 15 08; Emmanuel Chapel, 6th st 4 75; Sea and Land ch 4 80; 4th Ave ch 66 66; Church of the Covenant 25. *North River*—Calvary ch, Newburg 20 18; Poughkeepsie ch 37 05; Rondout ch 45 30. *Westchester*—South Salem ch 40; Poundridge ch 41, Sab-sch 19=60; 1st ch, Hartford, Isabella Porter 1; New Rochelle ch 264 695 15

PACIFIC.—*San Francisco*—St John's ch 24 44

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Waynesburg ch 196 55. *Lackawanna*—Montrose ch 55; Carbondale ch, Mr McNeil 5; Uniondale ch 5; Kingston ch 106 48; 1st ch Sab-sch, Troy, for Syria 50; Pleasant Mount ch 28; Ger ch, Scranton. Sab-sch 3 *Lehigh*—Hokendauqua ch 13 55, a friend 10. Sab-sch 10 45=34; 1st ch, Catasauqua 55; Mauch Chunk ch 9 36; Wea herly ch 5. *Philadelphia*—2d ch, Philadelphia, Mr. Ralston 10; West Arch st Sab-sch, for Mr. March's work 50. *Philadelphia Central*—Tioga st ch 20. *Philadelphia North*—1st ch Sab-sch, Norristown, to sup child at Dehra 50; Deep River and Doyle-town chs 36 40; Union Meeting of Germantown chs, for Siam 13. *Westminster*—Marietta ch 50; Slateville ch, for old Debt 8; Bellevue ch 40 20 910 99

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—New Alexandria ch 9 61; Plum Creek ch 61. *Pittsburgh*—2d ch, Pittsburgh, 53 60, Sab-sch, for boys' sch, Canton 75=128 60; Chartier's ch, 37 45, Sab-sch 13 25=50 70; East Liberty ch, 67 70, Sab-sch, "Buds of Promise," for Orphanage at Fintehgurh 100, Canton 25=192 70; West Elizabeth ch 15. *Washington*—1st ch, Wheeling, Woman's Mission society, to sup Miss Morrison 200, Sab-sch 2=202; 3d ch Sab-sch, Wheeling, for Canton 5 45; 4th ch, Wheeling 1 01; Cross Creek Sab-sch 5 671 07

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bucyrus ch 9; 1st ch, Bellefontaine 7 11. *Lima*—Van Wert ch Sab-sch 14. *Maumee*—Delta ch 3 33 11

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Genesee*—Elba ch 2; North Bergen ch 12. *Rochester*—St Peters ch, Rochester 1 4 89; Groveland ch 14; Central ch, Rochester 95 20; Moscow ch 10 238 09

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Somers ch 8 75; Delafield ch 2 97 *Wisconsin River*—Ger ch, Hazel Green ch 2 35; Middletown ch 6 20 07

Woman's Board For Missions, for Northwest 1,097 10; Woman's For. Mission Society, Philadelphia 6 1,103 10

Total receipts from churches in May, 1874, \$10,053 25

LEGACIES.—Estate of C F Latham, dec'd, N Y 1,250; Legacy of H W Snyder, d-c'd, Green Co, N Y 900; Estate of Eliza Harper, dec'd, N Y 800; Legacy of Letty Bate, dec'd, Newburg, N Y, in part 500; Legacy of A Porter, dec'd, Monroe Co, Ohio 288 80 \$1,738 80

MISCELLANEOUS.—H M Lane, Jersey City 10; Society of Inq, Theol Sem'y, Auburn, N Y, to con L. M. 60; Miss Anne Morrison, N Y 5; S F C 10; Mrs W E London, Philadelphia for Old Debt 5; Rev J E Conrad, Sterling, Minn, for Old Debt 2 66; Mrs E M Stokes, Worthington, Minn 20; Mrs W M Wilson, North Hammond, N Y 2; A Friend 1; A Friend in Western New York 100; Lenox Collegiate Institute, Iowa 6 50; Rev E R Beadle, D.D. 25; Geo. H Teacher 1; Mr Sarah J Flack 5; Orphans' College, Oxford, N C. per Rev D McG 9 53; Charles Dana, to con Eliza Dana Howe L. M. 30; Cash, for Rev T F Wallace, work in Bogota 50; A Mite for Bogota 2; A Friend, through the *Presbyterian* 2; Mrs C N Lyon, Jacksonville, Fla, for Syria 2 20; Cash, for Bogota 1; Boys' Association, Washington, N J 2; J E Merriam, Princeton, Mass, for Bogota Chapel 1; Scotch Sab-sch, Detroit, class of girls, for Mexico 5; Henry Brewster, Shirleysburg, Pa 10; Spencer C Ogden, Perrineville, N J, for Old Debt 1 10; Mrs L Petropolis City 6; Mrs E B Wells, N Y 40; Mrs J Potts, Troy, N Y 7 25; Cash, for Bogota Chapel 1 783 64

Total Receipts in May, 1874.....\$14,575 69

Of the amount acknowledged above, \$2,272 67 was received through the Committee on Benevolence and Finance.

WM. RANKIN, *Treasurer*,
23 Centre Street, New York.

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Syria.....	12 "
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Siam.....	28 "
China and Japan.....	10 "
Brazil.....	15 "
U. S. Colombia.....	18 "
Mexico.....	10 "
Chili.....	22 "

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THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY.—Two editions of this publication are printed. The *Pamphlet* edition is published monthly, at \$1.00 a year for each copy. It is sent free, when desired, to donors of ten dollars and upwards, and to the ministers of our churches.

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ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION FOR 1874.

In most respects, the Board's work has been prosperous and useful. The commercial panic has, however, greatly reduced the sales of the year.

Seven new volumes and eight other new publications have been issued during the year, of which 30,500 copies have been printed, with 615,850 reprints of former works; making in all 646,350 publications, old and new, during the year. In addition to the above, there have been printed of the *Sabbath-school Visitor* 2,600,685 copies; of the *Presbyterian Monthly Record*, 143,000; *Presbyterian at Work*, 313,710; *Golden Texts*, 60,000; and *Lesson Leaf*, 1,084,615.

The Sabbath-school Department of the Board has been pushed forward with vigor and success, and has, under the management of Mr. J. B. Tyler, made good progress in promoting fidelity and efficiency in the Bible training of the young, in unifying the schools of the Church, and in other good results. The Department has held many Institutes, and has received generous encouragement from Presbyteries and Synods.

The Colportage work has gone steadily forward. During the year there have been 136 colporteurs in the field, laboring in 30 Synods and in 97 Presbyteries. They have distributed 145,167 volumes; 71,196 by sale and 73,971 as gifts. They also distributed 3,132,433 pages of tracts gratuitously, and visited 129,765 families, the larger part of whom were conversed and prayed with. They also visited 1,748 Sabbath-schools, and established 76 new schools in destitute localities. Their donations amounted to \$3,519.

The Missionary Committee has made 661 grants, amounting to \$9,519 79, which have been sent to thirty-seven States and Territories of the Union, as well as to various mission stations in foreign lands. Of these grants 320 were made to mission and needy Sabbath-schools; 210 were sent to pastors, missionaries, and other persons for gratuitous distribution; 61 to mission churches, mostly in our frontier States and Territories; 43 to needy ministers and to missionaries, and 27 to freedmen's churches and Sabbath-schools.

The value of the publications disposed of during the year, has been as follows: By the book-store, \$62,974; through the Missionary Department, \$60,043 69, (viz: sales by colporteurs, \$42,004 69; donations by colporteurs, \$8,519 40; grants by the Missionary Committee, \$9,519 79); receipts from the SABBATH-SCHOOL VISITOR, \$18,886 62; from the PRESBYTERIAN AT WORK, \$24,398 60; from the MONTHLY RECORD, \$6,220 62. Total value of publications disposed of, \$172,524 30.

Total receipts of the Board for the year, \$240,647 91; total expenditures, \$228,414 93; balance in the treasury, March 31, 1874, \$12,232 98; contributions to the missionary work of the Board, \$47,798 48, besides \$6,546 35 received from the Board. Value of donations of books, tracts, and Sabbath-school papers given away, \$18,039 19. Number of contributing churches, 2,111.

ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

After a prolonged discussion on the subject of the consolidation of the various Boards, the late Assembly in session at St. Louis, with a very near approach to unanimity, adopted the following paper, offered by the Rev. R. R. Booth, D.D., as a part of its action on that subject :

Fifth. The Board of Publication shall continue as at present, with a collection from the Church for its missionary work.

The department having this work in charge shall be separately constituted, and shall keep a distinct account with the Board. It shall be its duty to disseminate the publications of the Board by donations to ministers and to needy churches, and by sale through its appointees, who shall be called the "Missionaries of the Board of Publication," and who shall be appointed, subject to the approval, and shall be under the control of the Presbyteries.

It shall also supervise the whole Sabbath-school work of the Church, in connection with the Presbyteries; and it shall aim to lift this important agency of Christian evangelization into the prominence and efficiency which it deserves, and which the great needs of our own country have so largely called for at the present time.

And furthermore, in addition to the amount appropriated by the Board from the collections made by the churches, it shall receive and apply donations specifically designated for the Sabbath-school work.

It is also enjoined upon the Presbyteries by the General Assembly, that they give special attention to the appointment and to the supervision of the missionaries of this Board who labor within their bounds.

AN EXPLANATION.

During the year 1870, the Presbyterian Publication Committee issued a book entitled "Frank Muller, or, Labor and its Fruits," by Thomas D. Suplee; the manuscript having been brought to the store by Mr. Suplee, and purchased from him as an original work. He was at that time a member of one of our churches, but has since connected himself with another denomination. The Presbyterian Board of Publication having lately ascertained that the book is substantially copied by Mr. Suplee from Mrs. Southworth's serial "Self-Made," published in the New York Ledger in 1863, and the copyright of which is owned by Mr. Bonner, has withdrawn the book from its catalogue, destroyed the plates and unsold copies, and expresses its regret, both to Mr. Bonner and Mrs. Southworth, that the Board has innocently been made the means of doing them such a wrong.

SHORTER CATECHISMS.

Through the generosity of friends in New York, the Board has it in its power to supply *without charge* to a certain extent, any Sabbath-school needing *Shorter Catechisms*. Each application must be signed by the Pastor (if there be one) and Superintendent, and must ask only for as many copies as are really needed. Applications may be sent to Rev. F. E. Shearer, 757 Market St., *San Francisco*; Rev. R. Irwin, corner Sixth and Locust Sts., *St. Louis*; Dr. C. O. Waters, 69 Dearborn St., *Chicago*; or Rev. W. E. Schenck, D.D., 1334 Chestnut St., *Philadelphia*.

DONATIONS TO THE MISSIONARY FUND OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, MAY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS.—Presbyteries in *italics*.—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.— <i>A bany</i> —Amsterdam 2d 53 88; Kingsboro 17; Mariaville 9 <i>Champlain</i> —Au Sable Forks 14. <i>Troy</i> —Chester 5 35; Troy, Woodside 15 10	114 33
ATLANTIC.— <i>Knox</i> —Antioch 2. <i>Yadkin</i> —Catawba River 60 cents	2 60
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Baltimore 12th 12; The Grove 8; Williamsport 10. <i>New Castle</i> —Green Hill 10; Rock 5; Wilmington, Hanover St 25; Zion 10	80 00
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>St. Lawrence</i> —Brasher Falls 4; Canton 15 52; Heuvelton 3 62; Le Ray 2 50. <i>Syracuse</i> —Marcellus 15; Syracuse Park Central 26. <i>Utica</i> —Oneida 35 16; Oriskany 2 27; Rome 32 71; Utica, Bethany 12 10 143 87	
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Lebanon 18 50. <i>Monterey 2</i> . <i>Dayton</i> —Dayton 3d St 56; Piqua 2d 10. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Greenbrier Ger 1 63	83 13
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland 2d 100. <i>St. Clairsville</i> —Barnesville 4 60; Bell Air 10; Mt. Pleasant 11 23; Rock Hill 11 35. <i>Steubenville</i> —Hanover 2; Wellsville 21	160 18
COLORADO.— <i>Montana</i> —Bozeman	3 00
COLUMBUS.— <i>Columbus</i> —Columbus 2d 10; London 12. <i>Murion</i> —Liberty 6. <i>Wooster</i> —Ashland 30 52; Shelby 4 04. <i>Zanesville</i> —Madison 21 50; Martinsburgh 10; Mt Zion 5; Putnam 56; Zanesville 2d 20 19	175 15
ERIE.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Freedom 7 74. <i>Butler</i> —Middlesex 6; Sunbury 5 60. <i>Clarion</i> —Oak Grove 2 50	21 84
GENEVA.— <i>Cayuga</i> —Cayuga 11 71. <i>Chemung</i> —Watkins ch Sab sch 69 95. <i>Geneva</i> —Ithaca 23 10; Newfield 4 25. <i>Lyons</i> —Lyons 17 87; Rose 6 10	137 98
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Gettysburgh 23 60; Greencastle 36. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Alexandria 16 35; Clearfield 45 16; Huntingdon 45 15; Logan's Valley 5; Milesburgh 13 06; Moshannon and Snow Shoe 7 51; Sinking Valley 20 30; Spruce Creek 32 45. <i>Northumberland</i> —Mahoning 23 97; Mifflinburg 6 04; New Berlin 6 81	289 40
ILLINOIS. CENTRAL.— <i>Bloomington</i> —Champaign 31 50; Chenoa 8; Danville 28 43; Waynesville 2 55. <i>Peoria</i> —Ipava 11; Knoxville 15 06. <i>Schuyler</i> —Augusta 5 50; Camp Creek 8 50; Doddsville 3 25; Ebenezer 11. <i>Springfield</i> —Farmington 9; Springfield 1st 49 72	183 53
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Monteno 8 75; Maywood 5. <i>Freeport</i> —Freeport, 3d Ger 5 50; Middle Creek 6 25; Oregon 5; Woodstock 3. <i>Ottawa</i> —Wyoming 5. <i>Rock River</i> —Aledo 16; Woodhull 12	66 50
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Alton 15 31; Litchfield 5 19; Shipman 3 53; Sparta 39 35. <i>Cairo</i> —Enfield 7; Fairfield 5; Galum 1 25; Kimmundy 5; Pisgah 12; Richview 10	103 51
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Crawfordsville</i> —Waveland 9. <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Lima 4 40; Warsaw 5 55. <i>Logansport</i> —Kaniand 6; Plymouth 5 25. <i>Muncie</i> —Anderson 5; Hopewell 4; New Hope 1; Noblesville 4	44 20
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Bethany 9; Southport 7; Union 5 37; Rev II Bushnell, Jr 1. <i>New Albany</i> —Charlestown 10 80; Hanover 7; Pleasant Township 2 25; Vevay 3 55. <i>White Water</i> —Knightstown 4	49 97
IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Bellevue 2 30; Cedar Rapids 1st 25; Lynn Grove 4; Oslow 1; Springville 2. <i>DuBuque</i> —Wintrop 7. <i>Fort Dodge</i> —Sioux City 8	49 30
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Atlantic 4; Council Bluffs 13 20; Missouri Valley 11 21. <i>Iowa</i> —Birmingham 3; Bloomfield 4 70; Middletown 5 70; Mt. Pleasant, Ger 6 25; Ottumwa 7 10. <i>Iowa City</i> —Blue Grass 3 50; Fairview 4 75; Le Claire 2; Mount Union 2 50; Princeton 2 50; Tipton 12 35. <i>Nebraska City</i> —3imeon 50 cents; Tecumseh 1 50	84 75
KANSAS.— <i>Highland</i> —Irving 1; Mulberry Creek 2. <i>Topoka</i> —Ellsworth 4 43; Lawrence 15 45	22 90
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Lexington, 2d	55 00
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Long Island</i> —Southampton 23 50. <i>Nassau</i> —Huntingdon 1st 32 63; Slip 10 50; Woodhaven 2 50	69 15
MICHIGAN.— <i>Monroe</i> —Blissfield 4 67; Palmyra 2; Petersburg 1. <i>Saginaw</i> —Au Sable 4 30 11 97	
MINNESOTA.— <i>Mankato</i> —South Bend 1 50; Windom 2. <i>St Paul</i> —Winneapolis, Andrew 9; Stillwater 21 18. <i>Southern Minnesota</i> —Fillmore 2 24. <i>Winona</i> —Lake City 4 65	37 39
MISSOURI.— <i>Palmyra</i> —Canton 2; La Grange 3. <i>Platte</i> —Breckenridge 1; Hamilton 1; New York Settlement 1; Rockport (of which Miss Flack 1) 2; Trenton 2. <i>St Louis</i> —Bethel 19	22 00
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Elizabeth, Westminster 92. <i>Jersey City</i> —Jersey City, Prospect Av 7 30. <i>Morrmouth</i> —Allentown 20 78; Freehold 1st 26 14; Manchester 9 84. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Chatham 23 70; Hanover 30; Morristown, South St 102 63; Orange 1st 63. <i>Newark</i> —Newark 1st 83; Newark South Park 89 22. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Alexandria 1st 4; Milford 9; Trenton 1st 133; Trenton 4th 100. <i>Newton</i> —Mansfield 1st 10; Newton ch Sab sch 81 74. <i>West Jersey</i> —Absecon 3; Bunker Hill 3 58; Camden 2d 17; Glassborough 4	927 93
NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Florida 1st 18 25. <i>New York</i> —New York Brick ch, from H. K. Corning, Esq 30; New York 13th St 54 30. <i>North River</i> —Cold Spring 6; Middle Hope 5; New Hamburg 33; Pine Plains 15 30. <i>Westchester</i> —Hartford 1st ch (of which 50 cents from Isabella Porter) 45 50; Mt. Kisco 8 50; Rye 51 23; South Salem 21 25; Yonkers 1st 73 12	366 45
PACIFIC.— <i>Oregon</i> —Jackson County 2. <i>San Francisco</i> —Oakland Ger, 3	5 00
PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Chester 1st 10; Darby 1st 6 50; Downingtown Central 7; Oxford 46. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Dimock 1; Rushville 1; Scranton 1st 170; Springville 1; Stevensville 2; Troy 20 50; Wilkesbarre 43 66. <i>Lehigh</i> —Eckley 8; Mahanoy City 10; Shenandoah 4; Upper Lehigh 9. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia 2d from Mrs Ralston 10; Philadelphia Calvary 241; Philadelphia Tabernacle ch Sab sch 25 25; Philadelphia Wharton St 18 76. <i>Philadelphia Centra</i> —Philadelphia Cohocksink 63 02; Philadelphia Spring Garden 31 22. <i>Philadelphia North</i> —Bristol 20; Germantown Market Square 37 53; Neshaminy, Warwick 23 16; Newtown 26 19; Norristown 1st 69; Pottstown ch, from a friend 2. <i>Westminster</i> —Lancaster 19 20; Marietta 10; Pequea 7 83; Strasburgh 15 73	959 60
PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Livermore 12; Poke Run 15; Salem 10; Unity 28. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Pittsburgh 3d 157 16; West Elizabeth 3 50. <i>Redstone</i> —Dunbar 32; Fayette City 5 25; Laurel Hill 18; Little Redstone 21; Mt Vernon 3. <i>Washington</i> —Forks of Wheeling 31; Wayneburgh 7 10. <i>West Virginia</i> —Breckenridge 1 50; Grafton 6; Hughes' River 6 85; Kanawha 6 15	360 51
TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Belle Centre 1 55; Huntsville 1 75; Urbana 12. <i>Huron</i> —Fremont 9 70; Milan 5	30 00
WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —East Hamburg 2 50; Ripley 1st 5. <i>Genesse</i> —Castile 15 73; Corfu 10 50; Warsaw 28. <i>Rochester</i> —Brighton 10; Sparta 2d 4 56	76 29
WISCONSIN.— <i>Chippewa</i> —Hudson 1st 2 60. <i>Milwaukee</i> —Lima 6 25; Pike Grove 5 92. <i>Winnebago</i> —De Pere 8 20; Keshena 5; Robinsonville 3; Rural 2 50; Waupaca 5 05; Weyauwega 2. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Lodi 9 06	49 78
	\$4,797 21
COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE	
(1½ months)	599 81
From churches	\$5,397 02
MISCELLANEOUS.	
S. P. Jones, Esq, Portland, West Virginia 100;	
C. O. W 3 78; Rev C. E. Jones, Belleville, Kansas 60 cents; Mrs. C. H. L. Work, Bardolph, Ill 5	109 28
Total receipts in May	\$5,506 30
S. D. POWEL, Treasurer.	

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Corresponding Secretary, REV. H. R. WILSON, D.D., 23 Centre Street, New York.
Treasurer, NATHAN LANE, Esq., 69 Wall Street.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ERECTION.

The Standing Committee on the Board of Church Erection beg leave to submit the following report, to wit:

The minutes of the Board show a good average attendance of its members upon its stated meetings and a commendable care in the transaction of its business, thereby meeting the responsibilities of the sacred trust committed to them by the General Assembly. The evident tokens of Divine favor to this important branch of the Church's work, calls for sincere gratitude and thanksgiving to God, as well as for greater efforts on the part of ministers and churches to increase its usefulness and efficiency.

The fourth annual report of this Board, owing to the order of the Assembly to close the accounts on the first day of April, instead of the first of May, covers only a period of eleven months, during which time the receipts from the churches were larger by \$14, 80 than during the corresponding months of the previous year. This increase was made during a severe financial crisis, and hence it shows more clearly the high place church erection work holds in the confidence and affection of the Church. The Board was enabled to give timely aid to a larger number of churches during the past year, in spite of the difficulties arising from great stringency in the money market, than during the preceding year. Its appropriations were all promptly paid as soon as the terms were met upon which they were made, thereby maintaining the good name and credit of the Board in the localities where its benefactions were received.

Another gratifying feature in the report, is the increased number of churches contributing to this cause during the year, thus enabling the Board to enlarge its operations, and lay a broader foundation for its opening field of usefulness in the future.

The aggregate receipts of the Board for the eleven months covered by the report, were \$96,500, and if the amount received during the month of April of the year before, viz., \$28,000, be added, the annual contribution would reach the sum of \$124,500. This shows a healthful growth, but not the full maturity of the work. New demands are constantly springing out of the rapid enlargements of the bounds of our beloved Zion, that can be met by this Board only through increased liberality on the part of the churches.

During the past year, over two hundred applications, formal and informal, were made for an amount exceeding \$162,000. Those on hand at the beginning of the year, not disposed of for various reasons, not the least the want of funds, swell this amount to nearly \$2,000. These facts clearly show that the measure of contributions needed for church erection will grow larger and larger as the great Head of the Church is blessing the efforts of our home missionaries.

Appropriations were made to 166 churches that have actually completed and are now occupying their houses of worship. These are under the care of eighty-four Presbyteries, and scattered over twenty-nine States and Territories.

The amount granted to these churches is nearly \$-6,000, averaging \$550 to each one.

These calls come, in many cases, from the members of Presbyterian families of the older States, who are now scattered as sheep having no shepherd in all these far-off regions.

The Board, in the opinion of your committee, has wisely recommended the construction of houses of worship that will not be so costly as to overburden the people, and demand such large sums from the fund of the Board of Church Erection as to limit its aid to a smaller number of needy applicants. It further protests against the evil consequences of having individuals assume obligations in order to report the church free of debt, so as to secure the appropriations of the Board. By this means the *form* only of the debt is changed, and soon after the appropriation has been received, the way is open to make personal appeals to benevolent individuals, or liberal churches to pay the debt thus concealed from the Board. Thus the receipts of the Board are materially diminished, and the funds so obtained, not being included in the mortgage that secures them to the church, are sacrificed in case the property should be alienated from the Presbyterian Church. Such a course occasions great embarrassment to the Board, and great injustice to the persons giving of their money to pay that which was solemnly declared to be paid. This is carried to such an extent that, in some instances known to your Committee, more money has been raised by these special appeals than received from the Board, and for which no security is given that it shall not be diverted, in case the church thus aided be abandoned. This is an evil which the Presbyteries should be careful to correct.

A judicious plan of insuring church edifices has been inaugurated by the Board, important alike to its own interest and that of the churches. In one case \$2,000 was realized, and the church thereby assisted to rebuild its house of worship.

About \$200,000 of insurance has been secured within the past year, the policies being held by the Board.

The important work of providing Manses has been wisely committed to this Board by

the General Assembly. As the object is distinct from that of erecting churches, no money, save that contributed expressly for that purpose, can be devoted to it.

Your Committee would recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly, viz:

Resolved, 1. That we recognize the goodness of God, in disposing his people to increased interest and liberality in this important work, which gives strength and permanency to your evangelistic efforts

Resolved, 2. That this General Assembly enjoin upon all the Presbyteries to appoint committees on church erection, who shall carefully inquire into the condition of the organizations applying to this Board for aid, and see that all the churches within their bounds contribute to this object.

Resolved, 3. That Presbyteries should see that church edifices, no longer in use, to which appropriations were made by the late Board of Church Extension, be sold, and the proceeds, at least the amount received from the Board, refunded.

Resolved, 4. That the following named gentlemen, whose term of service on the Board has expired, be reappointed, viz: Rev. Joseph Few Smith, D.D.; Rev. John Thomson, D.D.; Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D.D.; J. R. Skidmore, Esq.; F. G. Burnham, Esq.; Jonathan Ord'n, Esq., and B. F. Randolph, Esq., and that Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D.D., be appointed to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Winthrop S. Gilman, Esq.; all of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. C. ROBERTS,

Chairman of Standing Committee of the General Assembly.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION, MAY 1874.

42 Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany 2d, 169 7; Ballston Spr 43 15. *Champlain*—Essex 84 cents. *Columbia*—Greenville 13 35. *Troy*—Caldwell 3.

ALAN 10—*Atlantic*—Jame's Island 1.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—The Grove 4. *New Castle*—Berlin. Buckingham 1; Delaware City 5 9; Rock 5; Zion 10.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Waverly 2 21. *Syracuse*—Liverpool 2; Syracuse, 1st Ward 2 56. *Utica*—New Hartford 10.

CINCINNATI—*Chillicothe*—Washington 5. *Dryton*—Franklin 5; Hamilton 12. *Portsmouth*—Buena Vista, German 1.

CLEVELAND—*Cleveland*—Ashtabula 25; Rome 80 cents; Willoughby 8 cents. *Mohoning*—Salem 8. *St Clairsville*—Bell Air 1st Sabsch 15; Birmingham 5. *Steubenville*—Kilgore 5; Steubenville, old ch., "spec" 100.

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Colorado Springs 3. *Montana*—Bozeman 3.

COLUMBUS—*Zanesville*—Fredericktown 8 67; Madison 19; Mt Zion 5.

EMIE.—*Butler*—Centre 4 40; Centreville 11. *Eric*—James own 6. *Kittanning*—Clinton 5; Elderton 4 95; Leechburgh 11 50; Marion 8; Smicksburgh 3.

GENEVA.—*Chemung*—Elmira 1st 14 80; Sugar Hill 9 cents; Tyrone 20 cents; Watkins 46 cents. *Geneva*—Ithaca 1st 50 75. *Steuben*—Arkport 2 40. Horneville 6 93.

HARRISBURGH.—*Huntingdon*—Lenah 6 cents; Lewis-ton 15 20; Lower Spruce creek 10; Perryville 25. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d 11 21.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 1st 32; Chicago, Fuller-ton Ave 59; Pevone 5. *Freeport*—Rockford 1st 5 11. *Rock River*—Fulton 49 cents.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Plainview 150; Spar 1st 5; Virden 1 10. *Carro*—Carmi 97 cents; Shawneetown 1 01. *Maitoon*—Brownstown 1st 5.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Perryville 1. *Logansport*—Wanatah 28 cents. *Muncie*—Wabash 3 64.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Indianapolis 2d 5 60. *New Albany*—New Albany 2d 12. *Vincennes*—Bethany 4. *White Water*—Aurora, "spec" 12 75; Richmond 1 88.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Coliar Rapids*—Bethel 1.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Onawa*—Kearney Junction 1; Madison 1 65; Hastings 2.

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Chelsea 1. *Hickland*—Hickland 5 75; Irving 4. *Topeka*—Perryville 4 50.

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Burlington 20; Falmouth 5.

MICHIGAN.—*Delroit*—Ann Harbor 1 21. *Lansing*—Delhi 10. *More*—Petersburg 4; Quincy 9 95. *Saginaw*—Bay City 6 97.

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Sleepy Eye Lake 80 cents. *St. Paul*—St Paul, Central 3 57. *Southern Minnesota*—Preston 5 11; Fillmore 2 76. *Winnona*—Claremont 1 12; Oronoco 4; Ripley 19 cents.

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Kansas City 1st 10; Warrensburg 1st 7. *Palmyra*—Elina 81 cents. *Platte*—St Joseph, Westminster—8 75. *St Louis*—Ferguson 10.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth 1st 155 20; Elizabeth 3d 4 80; Plainfield 1st 2 33; Pluckamin 1 51; Rolle 1st 5 43; Summit West 2 84; Westfield 7 60. *Morrmouth*—Farmingdale 5. *Morris and Orange*—Dover 25; East Orange 10 76; Morristown 1st 20 32. *Newark*—Newark, Park 4 68; Newark, Roseville 25. *Newton*—La Fayette 80 cents; Yellow Frame 2 84.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Middleton 1st 5 56; West Town 1 22. *New York*—N. Y. ch of the Sea and Land 96 cents; N. Y. 4th Ave 13 33. *North River*—Rondout 15 10. *Westchester*—Poundridge 10.

PACIFIC.—*San Francisco*—Oakland, Ger 5.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Great Valley 10 50. *Lackawanna*—King-ton 12 76; Scranton, Ger. Sabsch 3; Uni-adele 5. *Lehigh*—Easton, Brainerd 41; Weatherly 1. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 2d 10; Philadelphia, West Spruce St, add'l 50; Philadelphia, 1st African 2 50. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Temple 15; Richmond 5; Tioga St 4. *Philadelphia North*—Neshaminy, Warminster "spec" 8 50. *Westminster*—Chanceford 11 67; Marietta 10.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Blairsville 150 36; Fairfield and Union 19; New Alexandria 1 85. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty 13 54; Fairview 5; Mt Pisgah 2; Pittsburgh 2d 10 71; Pittsburgh 4th, add'l 5. *Washington*—Wheeling 4th 20 cts.

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Bethel 6 50. *New Orleans*—New Orleans, 1st Ger 10.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 1st 1 42; Bucyrus 1 80.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Ripley 1st 5. *Genesee Valley*—Cuba 10. *Nagara*—Porter 1st "spec" 8. *Rochester*—Genesee, Central 19 04; Rochester, Calvary 5.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Baldwin 9 75. *Milwaukee*—Delafield 60 cts; Janesville, "spec" 17 86. *Wisconsin River*—Middleton 1 20; Pula-ki 4.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev John Martin, Delafield, Wis., "spec" 5; Mrs "L", Petrola City, Pa 1 20.

Total receipts in May, 1874. \$1,774 86

Of the above amount, \$118 83 was received from the Benevolence and Finance Committee.

NATHAN LANE, Treasurer.

RELIEF FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,
AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

REV. GEORGE HALE, D. D., *Secretary.*

REV. CHARLES BROWN, *Treasurer.*

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"Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

THE RELIEF FUND.

BY REV. ROBERT DICKSON, D. D.

This subject is one which strongly appeals to our sympathies, and should receive the profound and careful consideration of this General Assembly, and the churches hereby represented. Of all the duties of social and relative life, few have been expressed with greater emphasis in the word of God, than the duty of the Church to her ministry. Under the former dispensation this duty was interwoven with and pervaded the social character of the Jewish nation. Special national provision was made for the support of the priesthood, and the whole tribe of Levi. Nor is there any reason to suppose that this provision, commanded by God and approved by the nation, was wanting in adaptation to the end contemplated, or inadequate to the supply of the wants of the ministry. It is only when the nation becomes forgetful of its obligations to God, and when spiritual declension prevails, that we hear the plaintive words of the Prophet: "The meat-offering and the drink-offering is cut off from the house of the Lord, the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn." The law of ministerial support is changed, but only in the mode of administration. The law has passed over to the gospel-dispensation, has survived all changes, and lives in its spirit. The apostle of the Gentiles reaffirms the law, and claims under it the right of maintenance: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." This duty the Church recognizes as binding and obligatory, and yet, however painful and humiliating, it must be confessed she has failed to observe it, both in the letter and in the spirit. The ministry of the Presbyterian Church has been heretofore, and is now, inadequately supported. While able to labor, a pittance barely sufficient to preserve life has been doled out to them. It is impossible for many of our ministers to make any suitable provision for their families, or their old age. Their life is a struggle with poverty, their old age a state of painful dependence; and their dying bed, which should be luminous with the rays of Heaven's own sunshine, is oft darkened with clouds, as the eye falls on the loved wife—partner, so long, of life's labors, joys and sorrows; and on the children of their mutual affection, so soon to be fatherless. It is gratifying that an improved condition of things at present obtains, that the attention of the Church is being directed more particularly to this subject, and that the liberality of God's people flows out in increasing volume to make glad the hearts of God's honored servants.

In view of the balance of \$14,772.08 standing against the Relief Fund, at the opening of the current year, and the increase in the number of beneficiaries, your Committee feel alive to the necessity of earnest and united effort on the part of the churches to relieve the pressing wants of, and respond to the just claims of the aged and disabled ministers of the Gospel, the widows and the fatherless. Our sense of honor and feeling of sympathy should prompt to immediate action,

while a sense of justice admits of no plea, and recognizes no excuse as sufficient to warrant undue delay, much less indifference and neglect. Your Committee are of opinion that the General Assembly should recommend to the churches the contribution of an amount sufficient to meet the wants of the Relief Fund, and enable the committee thereof to make a more liberal appropriation to those whose modesty often prevents them from making their wants known, and from asking even that which is necessary to limited comfort.

At the late General Assembly, it was

Resolved, "That in view of the embarrassed condition of the Ministerial Relief Fund, it be recommended to the churches that they take up a collection for this cause on the first Sabbath in JULY, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to meet this demand."

A debt of more than *fourteen thousand dollars*, brought over from last year, added to the payments for April, May, June, and July, already due and unpaid, and further instalments coming due in the succeeding months, present a case which calls loudly on our churches to extend a larger liberality to this struggling, suffering cause. There are now *on file* applications amounting to more than \$25,000, which are waiting for the above liabilities to be met, so that they may receive attention. Let the funds be provided, and these aged and disabled servants of God, and these widows and orphans, will be supplied. One of the generous churches in New York city has recently enabled us to make scores of families to sing for joy. "Go and do thou likewise."

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MAY, 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Ballston Spa 71 51. *Troy*—Cohoes 1st 47; Lansingburgh 1st 25.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore Brown Memorial 45 11; Williamsport 10. *New Castle*—Rock 10; Zion 15.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Fulton 1st 10.

CINCINNATI.—Per Rev A Ritchie, Treas'r. 41 66. *Chillicothe*—From "U," 5. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 7th, add'l 12; Monterey 2.

CLEVELAND.—*St. Clairsville*—Bell Air Sab-sch 15; Cambridge 5. *Steubenville*—Hanover 6; Minerva 2 50; Smithfield 4.

COLORADO.—*Montana*—Bozeman 3.

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Bashan 1. *Zanesville*—Brownsville 4; Fredericktown 7 83; Madison 39 50.

ERIE.—*Butler*—Centreville 15. *Erie*—Warren 25. *Kittanning*—Jacksonville 10; Bethel 10. *Shenango*—Mount Pleasant 15.

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn 1st 108 13. *Geneva*—Ithaca 1st 65 70.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Schuyler*—Macomb 15.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Mattoon*—Brownstown 1st 3; Charleston 10; Vera 1st 2.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*White Water*—Metamora 5.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Onsow 1.

KANSAS.—*Highland*—Irving 2.

MICHIGAN.—*Monroe*—Adrian 1st 20; Petersburg 2.

MINNESOTA.—*Dakota*—River Bend 5. *Mankato*—Windom 3. *South Minnesota*—Farmore 3 28.

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Kansas City 1st 10. *Platte*—Breckenridge 1; Hamilton 3; New York Settlement 1

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Basking Ridge 33. *Jersey City*—Englewood 418 96; Ruinerford Park 34 82. *Morris and Orange*—Orange German 1st 5.

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Newburyport 2d 22. *New*

York—New York, Scotch 365; New York, 4th 77 73. *North River*—Cold Spring 10.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Chester 3d 23. *Lehigh*—Ferndale 2 14; Reading 1st 85 70; Upper Mount Bethel 5. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 2d, Mrs Balston 10; Philadelphia 9th, Ann McKim 5. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Olivet 14 12. *Philadelphia North*—Port Kennedy 12 50. *Westminster*—Marietta 10.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Livermore 12. *Pittsburgh*—Hebron 10; Pittsburgh 1st 320, including 120 from the Sab-sch. *Redstone*—Mt Vernen 3. *Washington*—Cross Creek 33 65; Miller's Run 10 10; Pigeon Creek 10 90.

TOLEDO.—*Lima*—Van Wert 1st 5.

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Cambridge and Oakland 6 25. *Winnabago*—Horicon. Rev G W Lloyd add'l 5. *Wisconsin River*—Kilbourn City 1st 7 15.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE \$339 55.

MISCELLANEOUS.

N Y, Middle Island, Mrs J O Randall 1; N Y, Wars-w, per Mrs Dr J E Nassau 5; Md. Frederick City, from "E B D" 5; N J, Vinland, Rev Wm T Doubleday 10; Italy, from "An American at Rome" 20; interest on Permanent Fund, per G H Van Gelder, Esq 220; N J, Perth Amboy, Miss Crane 5; Wis, Milwaukee, "G W E" 10; Ohio, Perryburg, "A Widow's Mite" 5; Cal, Alameda, Thos Hopkins, Esq 22; Mich, Romeo, T B Hescall 20; per "Presbyterian," from "A Friend" 2; "Thankfulness" 4; Ind, Cambridge City, per Rev I W M, "Mrs A C" 30; N Y, Brocklyn, from "R B A" 15; "A Mite" 2; "Thankfulness" 2.

Total receipts in May, 1874 \$292 69

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Doubtless very many who have access to the *Record* read one or more of our church weeklies; others, however, may not, and to these it may be of interest to find something of the sayings and doings, in and by the late General Assembly of our Church, at St. Louis, concerning her work among the Freedmen. After much earnest discussion as to whether this work should or should not be consolidated with the work of the Board of Home Missions, the Assembly passed as follows, viz:

"The Committee of Freedmen shall continue, as at present located and constituted, for the period of five years, during which period its affairs shall be conducted with the view to the final merging of the Committee with the Board of Home Missions; and as soon as possible, the churches under the care of the Committee of Freedmen are to be transferred to the Board of Home Missions."

The General Assembly's Standing Committee on Freedmen, of which Rev. Henry C. McCook was chairman, called the attention of the body to eight items, gathered from their review of the work, among which was the following, viz:

"That the work of missions, in all its phases, opens more widely than ever before the Committee. The field of operations is confined almost entirely to the Carolinas, with a few missions in Georgia and Tennessee. But the whole South invites to similar labors. The necessity for the varied features of the missions also continues, viz: 1. The work of Church and Sabbath-school; 2. Catechist or lay-evangelist; 3. Of parochial schools of lower grade, seminaries, academies, and normal or training schools for teachers."

On recommendation of its Standing Committee, the Assembly took action as follows, viz:

"I. The Assembly again commends to the churches its Committee of Missions for Freedmen, especially urging ministers to present to the people this work in all its features. The Assembly would emphasize this direction, in view of its action looking to the future consolidation of the Committee of Missions for Freedmen with the Board of Home Missions, so that in the interregnum there shall be no loss, but rather a large gain to the cause.

"II. The Assembly heartily commends the fidelity and economy of the Committee, in the prosecution of the work committed to them."

Upon the subject of consolidation, there were numerous addresses. We have only space for a few extracts from one, as reported in *The General Assembly's Journal*.

Rev. W. M. R. COLES, of the Presbytery of Yadkin, spoke substantially as follows:

"This is the first time it was ever my privilege to appear before an Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and were I not now moved by a sense of duty, I would prefer to keep my seat. It is my purpose to speak with reference to the present Freedmen's Committee as it now stands for missionary work in the South.

"The gentlemen who spoke on that subject yesterday, Dr. Garnett, and Rev. Mr. Adams, from South Carolina, stated to this Assembly a single reason why that committee should be discontinued, and that was simply this: That the name of Freedmen might be dispensed with, because, according to their judgment, that name had the effect of perpetuating caste distinction. We do not think so in the South. We ask, if you do commit this work to the Board of Home Missions, how will you get rid of the name? and if you change the name, how will you get rid of the principle? Has it not been suggested by Dr. Crosby, that if this work were given over to the Home Board, it ought still to constitute a separate department of that Board. How will the matter then be presented to the churches, but simply as the Freedmen's Department of the Domestic work? On the other hand, if it is thrown in with a general name, is it not highly probable, that with the other work the Board has before it, this work will not receive the attention it deserves? . . . I would like to state some reasons why this work should be continued as it is now. . . . My first reason for continuing this Committee is, because it is acquainted with the work; it knows all the missionaries and their fields of labor.

Again, because of the extent of this work. We have, scattered through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee, 115 churches, and these do not, by far, meet the urgent demands of our people. At our Presbyteries the cries are heart-rending that come to us from various points, asking for the gospel and for schools. Again, this work demands more attention, in order to its success, than the Board of Domestic Missions can give it. We have already blended with that Board, Sustentation, and if you give to that Board, also, the work committed to the Committee of Freedmen, you will place so much upon it that our work cannot receive proper attention. The work demands attention to the church, to the school, the catechist, and the teacher; and all these different departments must be looked after, or the work will not be successful. Mr. Adams remarked, that in view of the fact that public schools were starting up among us, that we can do without the school department. There can be no greater mistake. It is the very life of our Church, and the secret of our success thus far is attributed to the influence that we have been enabled to exert over the minds of the young in these schools."

Mr. Coles here read a resolution passed by the Atlantic Synod, expressive of its earnest desire that no action would be taken by the Assembly that would interfere with the work as now conducted by the Committee of Missions for Freedmen, and then proceeded as follows:

"Now, in that Synod, there are twelve colored ministers: that is their voice. There are about four elders to every minister: that is their voice. And there are learned white ministers, as Drs. Mattoon and Shedd, who have been missionaries to Asia. These are the men who come up to you with this voice. Do not, for the sake of the Church and the people, for whom the work is done, change the Committee from its present position."

DONATIONS AT PITTSBURGH FOR FREEDMEN IN MAY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Barton 6 60; *Baltimore Twelfth* church 5. *New Castle*—Snow Hill 5.

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—College Hill 2; Reading and Lockland 8; Sharonville 1; Third ch Cincinnati 42. *Chillicothe*—Washington 5. *Dayton*—Hamilton 2. *Portsmouth*—Red Oak 7 50.

CLEVELAND.—*St Clairsville*—1st church Sab-sch Bellair 20. *Steubenville*—Hanover 6; Pleasant Hill 4 70; Smithfield 2.

COLUMBUS.—*Wooster*—Loudonville 1.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Central 20 Butler—Middlesex 6; Summit 4; Plain Grove 14 01. *Erie*—Second ch Mercer 15 25. *Kittanning*—Bethel 10; First Kittinganng 50; Jacksonville 10.

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Member of Lower Path Valley ch 10; Petersburg 1. *Huntingdon*—Luthersburg 1. *Northumberland*—Milton 40.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Onarga 3. *Peoria*—First ch Yates City 9. *Schuyler*—Elvaston 20.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Plum Creek 16 50.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Hopewell 14 50. *White Water*—Rising Sun 6.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Wyoming 3.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Iowa City*—First church Iowa City 5.

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Chelsea 1.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Bowling Green 1.

LONG ISLAND.—*Long Island*—Sag Harbor 25; Sab sch Greenport 10.

NEW JERSEY.—*Newton*—Harmony 5; Montana 5; Phillipsburgh 15. *Monmouth*—Columbus 5; Farmingdale 5. *Morris and Orange*—New Vernon 12. *West Jersey*—Cedarville 2d 8; Deerfield 14.

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Third ch Boston 30 26. *Hudson*—Otisville 2. *New York*—First church N Y 5 188 70; Spring Street 42 70. *Westchester*—Bedford 10; Patterson 1; Sing Sing 40; Third ch Jersey City 1; Throg's Neck 2.

PACIFIC.—*San Jose*—San Jose 5.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lackawanna*—Providence 10; *Lehigh*—Audenreid 2; Port Carbon 10. *Philadel-*

phia—First African 2 20; North Trinity 2. *Philadelphia Central*—North 45 75; Richmond 2; Temple 15; West Arch St 36. *Philadelphia North*—Ben Salem 4; Forestville 5.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Latrobe 5 27; Salem 10. *Pvstburgh*—Bethany 25; "Buds of Promise" East Liberty Sab-sch, special for teacher 75; East Liberty 10; Hebron 15; Swissvale 46 51; Second ch 36. *Redstone*—New Providence 5. *Washington*—New Cumberland 22; Pigeon Creek 8 45; Second ch Washington 7; Upper Ten Mile 8.

TOLEDO.—*Huron*—Florence 2; Freemont 7 50; McCan 5.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Gowanda 3 25. *Rochester*—Third ch Rochester 30.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Neilsville 1. *Lake Superior*—Oakland and Cambridge 5. *Milwaukee*—1st ch Manitowoc 1.

MISCELLANEOUS.—A Friend 2; Fifth ch Chicago, Ill 120 92; Brighton ch Ill 1 40; Sigourney, Iowa 5; 1st ch Lowell, Mass 2; 1st ch Troy, N Y 30; 1st ch Manchester, N Y 6; Farmer City ch, Ill 1 25; Dupage ch Ill 7; Campbelltown ch N Y 10 40; A Friend of the Cause 6; 2d ch Oxford, N J 30; J M Newell, Placerville, Cal 10; Winona, Minn 15; Mrs L H Huston, Circleville, Ohio 5; 1st ch Aledo, Ill 5; Placerville, Cal 3; Englewood, N J 177 61; Oneida ch Ill 12 25; Mrs N M Geary and family, Albany, Oregon 2; 1st ch Geneva, N Y 89 96; 9th ch Troy, N Y 5; Jane Steel 1 25; Perth Amboy, N J 18 50; Potts' Memorial Morrissiana, N Y 3; Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pa 92 50; W Procter, Lewistown, Ill 50; Suaville ch Pa 4 50; 1st ch Kansas City, Mo 7 50; Fredericksburg sch Va 1 20; Niagara Falls ch N Y 100; 1st ch Ripley, N Y 10; 1st Presb ch Sab-sch Alton, Ill 3 31; 1st ch South Bend, Minn 50 cts; 1st ch Ithaca, N Y 29 10; Port Deposit, Md 5; Charleston, Ill 10.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 282 62

Total Receipts in May, \$7,282 42

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COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

The Standing Committee on Sustentation would respectfully report to the Assembly, that they have carefully considered the subject referred to them. They have had placed in their hands the "Third Annual Report" of the Assembly's Committee on Pastoral Sustentation, and have conferred with the Secretary and Treasurer of the same. And as the result of their examination and consideration, your Committee would recommend the following statement and resolutions for the adoption of the Assembly, to wit:

The last General Assembly, after a full discussion of this scheme of Sustentation, pronounced it no longer an experiment, but a part of the settled policy of the Church; and the discussions and decisions of the present Assembly give cheering assurance that the great cause of pastoral support has taken a deep hold upon the heart of the Church. The design of the action placing this scheme in the Board of Home Missions as a co-ordinate department is hereby declared to be only in order to render it more permanent and efficient.

The principles upon which the Assembly's Sustentation Fund is founded are simple and scriptural, and should be thoroughly taught to the churches by pastors. These principles are: First. That those whom God calls to preach the Gospel and gives to his Church, are to be supported by the Church. The second principle is one which grows out of the unity of the Church and the law of brotherhood which Christ has instituted. That is, the minister may claim his support from the whole Church, and not simply from the particular congregation which he is called to serve. Each minister belongs to the whole Church, and the whole Church is to be held responsible for his work, and its just reward.

This subject of Pastoral Sustentation is not new to the Church, having frequently been before the Assembly as far back as 1828. But it is only three years since the convictions of the Church were crystallized into the definite and practical form entrusted to the committee at Pittsburgh. This committee, under the leadership of the efficient Secretary and Treasurer, appointed by the Assembly, has had to meet all the difficulties incident to every new enterprise, especially those which follow from inadequate means, and the failure of Presbyteries fully to understand its practical workings and its real intentions and benefits. Yet the report of the work done shows not only a growing interest in the scheme, but a degree of success never before reached by any of our schemes of Church-work in the same length of time.

The Committee on Sustentation report two hundred and sixty-six pastorates as having received the benefits of the fund during the past year. The beneficent effects of the scheme are manifest from the fact that thirteen of these pastorates report themselves as hereafter self-sustaining. This is evidently a large proportion of the whole number, and ought to give decided encouragement in the work, and confidence in the practical benefits of this method of treatment. Some of the churches which have attempted to come under the scheme, for various causes have become discouraged, and have failed to receive its benefits. Some have been weakened by loss of means or of members, and have found the burden too great for them. Others find it difficult to break off old and lax habits of payment, and the inflexible requirements of the scheme which make it efficient, become irksome to them. In all such cases the fault is with the churches, or their pastors or sessions, who fail to educate them in the duty and privilege of pastoral support. Every such case emphasizes the necessity and wisdom of the scheme adopted.

One hundred and fifty-five churches report an increase in the aggregate of their contributions for the support of their pastors, of forty-four thousand five hundred and sixty dollars. They also report an increase in contributions to the Boards of the Church amounting to \$9,365. This makes a total gain of funds raised directly through the operations of this plan of Pastoral Sustentation in these churches of \$53,871. But the reports have only come from a few more than half of the churches aided by the Committee. If those which have not reported have done as well, a fair estimate will show a gain of over \$90,000. Last year there was a gain from two hundred churches of \$39,000.

The contributions of the churches to the fund under charge of this Committee are equally encouraging, although inadequate to the demands of the work. The Committee began the year with \$12,186 40 in the treasury; and received during the year \$51,758 03, which gave them a total of \$63,944 43 for the operations of the year.

In the two and a half years this cause has been before the Church for its support, there has been contributed for its work \$154,758; showing a great readiness on the part of the stronger churches to bear the burden of the weak. While owing to the peculiar condition of the country and the Church, agitated with the discussion upon consolidation, the committee have only had \$63,944 43 during the year, they have paid out according to agreements reasonably made, \$57,388 63, leaving an indebtedness at the end of the year of \$3,444 20.

Besides this, there is due to pastors up to March 1, which ought to have been paid at

that time, \$4,000; and there will be due to pastors on the first of June, \$14,500 more. The present and pressing demands of this fund require the immediate attention of the churches. Twenty-one thousand dollars must be speedily raised, or the pastors of these weaker churches must suffer.

The Secretary of the Sustentation Committee, who has served with great efficiency and faithfulness, both as Secretary and Treasurer, without salary, has tendered his resignation because of overwork and inability to discharge the duties of the office in connection with the high responsibilities of his theological chair.

In view of these facts, and the present exigencies of this cause,

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly would repeat and emphasize its former action commending the cause of Pastoral Sustentation to the earnest co-operation of the Presbyteries and churches.

Resolved, 2. That the present and pressing obligations of this committee demanding \$21,944 20 on June 1st, require the immediate attention of all its friends. And the General Assembly hereby enjoins upon all such churches as have not contributed during the past year, to make a contribution at their earliest opportunity.

Resolved, 3. That the thanks of the Assembly are due, and are hereby cordially tendered to the Rev. M. W. Jacobus, D.D., Secretary and Treasurer of the Sustentation Committee, who has served the Church in this capacity for three years with distinguished ability and faithfulness, and without salary, and to the members of the committee for the efficiency with which they have managed this important trust.

Resolved, 4. That the Third Annual Report of the Committee on Sustentation be approved, and published for circulation in the churches.

Dr. Logan offered the following resolution as an addition to the report, which was adopted:

Resolved. That the Committee on Sustentation be directed to turn over the books and accounts of the funds in their hands, or that may come into the hands of the Sustentation Committee, to the Board of Home Missions, after which the Sustentation Committee shall be dissolved.

By the measure which the Assembly adopted, a great gain accrues to the Sustentation Scheme: 1st. It is placed in the Home Board as a distinct department, co-ordinate with the department of Missions. 2d. This scheme is to be adopted in all cases to which it applies. 3d. It is no longer optional with the churches to rest upon the funds of the Board without any suitable progress. 4th. It is provided that no church shall be continued on the Mission Department for a longer term than five years, unless for extraordinary reasons, satisfactory to the Presbytery. The Sustentation work was manifestly in great favor with the Assembly, and it is now fixed as a "part of the settled policy" of the Church.

RECEIPTS IN MAY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 458 23	River 50 cents. <i>New Brunswick</i> —New Brunswick 1st, 25. <i>West Jersey</i> —Cape Island 9.
ALBANY.—Troy—Whitehall 1st 10.	NEW YORK.— <i>West Chester</i> —Sbaron 5.
BALTIMORE.—Baltimore—Baltimore 12th 5; Baltimore 1st 35; <i>New Castle</i> —Zion 10; Rock 4.	PHILADELPHIA.—Chester—Fagg's Manor 20 31; Chester 1st 20; Great Valley 12. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Carbondale 10. <i>Lehigh</i> —Upper Mount Bethel 5. <i>Westminster</i> —Marietta 10.
CINCINNATI.—Cincinnati—Cincinnati 7th 25 Glendale 24 6).	PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Parnassus 11 08. <i>Redstone</i> —Somerset 2; Fayette City 2. <i>Washington</i> —Cross Creek 31 15; New Cumberland 10.
CLEVELAND.—St. Clairsville—Bell Air 1st, Sab-sch 30.	UTICA.—Syracuse—Cazenovia 1st 25. <i>Genesee</i> —Bergen 1st 3. <i>Rochester</i> —East Groveland 6.
COLUMBUS.—Wooster—Dalton 1st 20. Zanesville—Hanover 2.	MISCELLANEOUS.—Ch of New Market, Tenn 1 10; Ch of Peru 3 18; Ch of Braddock's Field, Pa 30; Ch of Troy, Ill 27 75; Ch of Willoughby, Ohio 37 50; Ch of Le Sueur, Minn 28; Ch of Whippany, N J 40; Ch of Portland, Mich 27 50; Chs of Olivet and Pella 30; Ch of Waynesburg, Pa 65 53; Chs of Farly and Epworth 33 25; Ch of Portageville, N Y 30; 2d Ch of Cedarville N J 37 10; Ch of Union City, Ind 2 55; Ch of Elmwood, Ill 35; Ch of Newark, Del 40; Ch of Hannibal, N Y 35; Ch of Piper City, Ill 37 50; Ch of Greensboro, Pa 25; Ch of Chataqua, N Y 40.
ERIE.—Allegheny—Providence 7 30. Erie—Warren 20.	Total Receipts, \$1,727 30
GENEVA.—Cayuga—Ithaca 35 05; Auburn 1st 53 97. <i>Steuben</i> —Pulteney, N Y 5.	M. W. JACOBUS, Secretary and Treasurer
HARRISBURGH.—Huntingdon—Perryville 50; Altoona 1st 29 74; Lower Spruce Creek 13 40.	318 Ridge Street, Allegheny, Pa.
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—Peoria—Lewistown 32 83. Springfield—North Sangamon 13.	
ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Rock River—Aledo 5.	
IOWA, SOUTH.—Iowa City—Tipton 8 25.	
MICHIGAN.—Munroe—Petersburg 1.	
MINNESOTA.—Mankato—Windom 1; South Bend 1st 50 cents. Winona—Fillmore 3 53.	
MISSOURI.—Platte—Hamilton 2; Breckenridge 1 55.	
NEW JERSEY.—Monmouth—Tuckerton 5 50; Bass	

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

"While the present judgment of the General Assembly is, that the Committee on Benevolence and Finance, located for three years with unpaid officers in New York be, at their own request, discontinued, it is at the same time decided that the Treasurer of the Home Board shall receive and pay out to all the Boards of the Church whatever money may be sent to him for distribution."

"Resolved, That all moneys contributed to the objects for which contributions are required by the Assembly, whether contributed through the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions or otherwise, shall be duly acknowledged in the usual manner, and by the special Boards for which the moneys are intended."

In accordance with the above, the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions will receive and pay over to the Boards all moneys sent to him for distribution, but will leave the public acknowledgment of such to the Boards themselves.

RECEIPTS IN MAY 1874.

- ☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman—sp for special.
- ☞ Distribution is made precisely as donors direct. Where no directions are given, the division is always made by the General Assembly's per centage.
- ☞ The contraction *sp* for special, designates offerings for but a part, and not for the whole work of the Church.

<p>ALBANY.—<i>Champlain</i>—Essex 10 50. <i>Troy</i>—Caldwell 24 34 50</p> <p>ATLANTIC—<i>Atlantic</i>—James Island, sp 7 00</p> <p>BALTIMORE.—<i>New Castle</i>—Berlin, Buckingham 18 80; Delaware City 74. <i>Washington City</i>—N. Y. Ave Youth's miss'y soc'y, sp 146 19 238 99</p> <p>CENTRAL NEW YORK.—<i>Binghamton</i>—Virgil, sp 12; Waverly 27 58. <i>Syracuse</i>—Liverpool 25; Syracuse, 1st Ward 32; Rev G S Boardman, D.D. sp 50. 146 58</p> <p>CLEVELAND.—<i>Cleveland</i>—Rome 10; Willoughby 10. <i>Mahoning</i>—Salem 100; Middle Sandy, sp 10 25. <i>Steubenville</i>—Harlein, sp 16; Kilgore, sp 10 156 25</p> <p>COLUMBUS.—<i>Zanesville</i>—Madison, sp 86 50</p> <p>ERIE.—<i>Butler</i>—Centre 54 95. <i>Clarion</i>—Mrs L. Petrolia City 15. <i>Erie</i>—Erie 1st, sp 277 26. <i>Kittanning</i>—Marion 100 447 21</p> <p>GENEVA.—<i>Chemung</i>—Elmira 1st 185; Watkins 5 73; Tyrore 1 54; Sugar Hill 1 03; Mrs E B Wells 1. <i>Steuben</i>—Hornellsville (8 of which from M Huribui) 86 23; Arkport 30 310 53</p> <p>HARRISBURGH.—<i>Huntingdon</i>—Lewistown 190; Beulah 7 50. <i>Northumberland</i>—Williamsport 2d 156 43; Bald Eagle and Nittanny, "X" sp 50 493 93</p> <p>ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—<i>Springfield</i>—Springfield 2d, sp 147 79</p> <p>ILLINOIS, NORTH.—<i>Chicago</i>—Peotone 60; Chicago 1st, sp 380. <i>Freeport</i>—Rockford 1st 72 60. <i>Rock River</i>—Fulton 1st 6 15 518 75</p> <p>ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—<i>Alton</i>—Plainview 28 70; Virden 13 75. <i>Cairo</i>—Shawneetown 12 70; Carmi 12 15 67 30</p> <p>INDIANA, NORTH.—<i>Crawfordsville</i>—Perryville, sp 7 45. <i>Logansport</i>—Wanatah 3 50. <i>Muncie</i>—Wabash 38 48 95</p> <p>INDIANA, SOUTH.—<i>Indianapolis</i>—Indianapolis 2d 110. <i>New Albany</i>—New Albany 2d 150. <i>Vincennes</i>—Poland, sp 10; Bethany, sp 23 15. <i>White Water</i>—Richmond 1st 23 49 316 64</p> <p>IOWA, SOUTH.—<i>Iowa</i>—Burlington 1st, sp 20. <i>Kearney</i>—Hastings 11; Kearney Junction 13. <i>Nebraska City</i>—Plattsmouth, sp 12 70 56 70</p> <p>KANSAS—<i>Highland</i>—Highland, sp 23</p> <p>LONG ISLAND.—<i>Long Island</i>—Setauket, sp 16 34</p>	<p>MICHIGAN.—<i>Detroit</i>—Ann Arbor 15 17. <i>Lansing</i>—Delhi, sp 29 50. <i>Saginaw</i>—Bay City 1st. 87 16 131 83</p> <p>MINNESOTA.—<i>Mankato</i>—Sleepy Eye Lake 10. <i>St. Paul</i>—St. Paul Central 44 66. <i>Southern Minnesota</i>—Preston, (Sab-sch 10) sp 44 19. <i>Winona</i>—Ripley 2 45; Claremont 14 115 30</p> <p>MISSOURI—<i>Palmira</i>—Edina 10. <i>Platte</i>—St. Joseph, Westminster, sp 31 20 41 20</p> <p>NEW JERSEY.—<i>Elizabeth</i>—Roselle 67 94; Pluckamin (Sab-sch 34 92) 53 44; Elizabeth 3d, 60; Summit West 35 48; Westfield 95; Plainfield 1st 29. <i>Morris and Orange</i>—Morristown 1st 253 95; East Orange 1st 149 50. <i>Newark</i>—Park 58 46. <i>Newton</i>—Yellow Fraine 35 50; Lafayette 10 848 26</p> <p>NEW YORK.—<i>Hudson</i>—Washingtonville 2d, sp 26; West Town 15 33; Middletown 1st 64 54. <i>New York</i>—Sea and Land 12; Fourth Ave 166 66. <i>North River</i>—Rondout 135 90 425 42</p> <p>PHILADELPHIA.—<i>Lackawanna</i>—Montrose, sp 55; King-ton (Sab-sch 40 55), 200; Wilkes Barre 1st, sp 169 79. <i>Lehigh</i>—Weatherly, sp 12. <i>Philadelphia Central</i>—L'oga St 50 486 79</p> <p>PITTSBURGH.—<i>Blairsville</i>—New Alexandria 43 61. <i>Pittsburgh</i>—Second, sp 120 58; East Liberty 225 24. <i>Washington</i>—Wheeling 4th 3 23 393 71</p> <p>TOLEDO.—<i>Bellefontaine</i>—Bucyrus 23; Bellefontaine 1st 17 78 40 78</p> <p>WESTERN NEW YORK.—<i>Genesee Valley</i>—Cuba, sp 19. <i>Rochester</i>—Central 238 257 00</p> <p>WISCONSIN.—<i>Milwaukee</i>—Delafield 7 43. <i>Wisconsin River</i>—Middletown 15 22 43</p>
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